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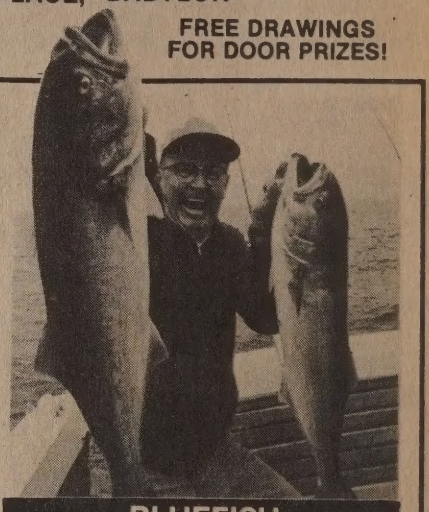

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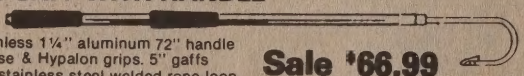

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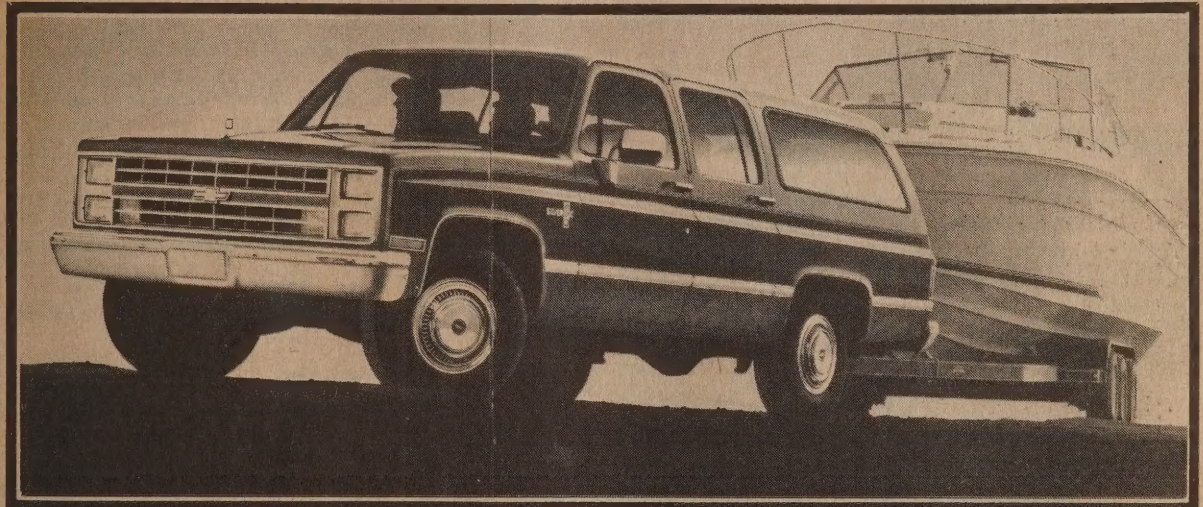

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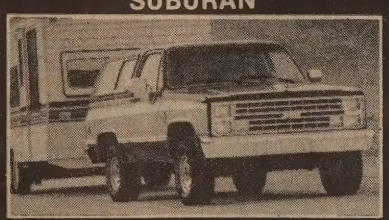

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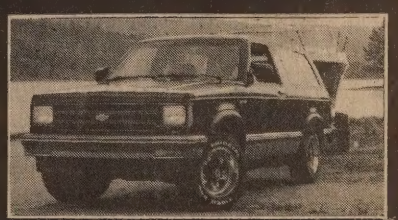

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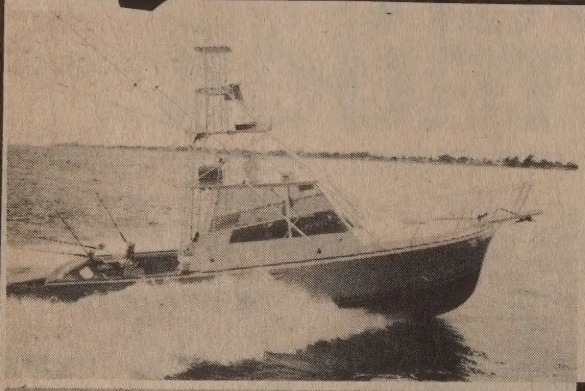

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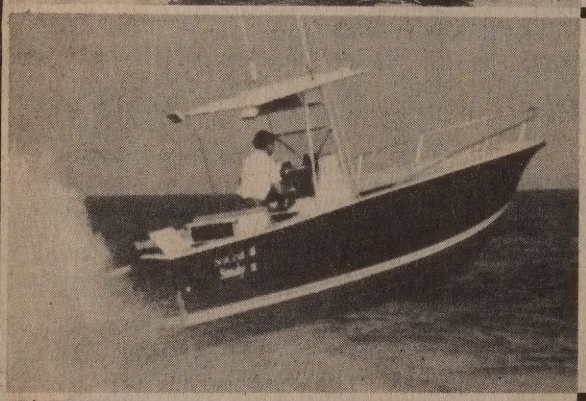

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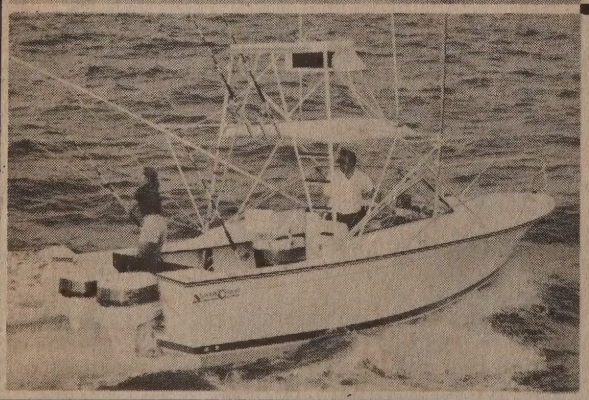

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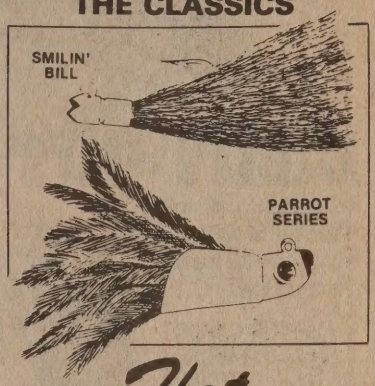

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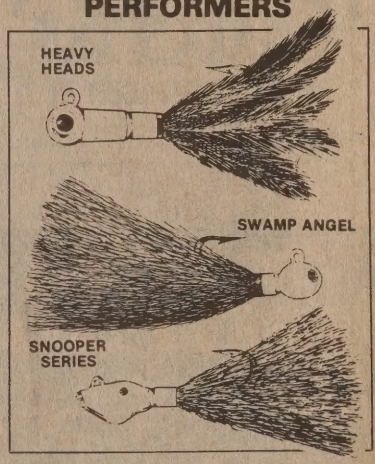

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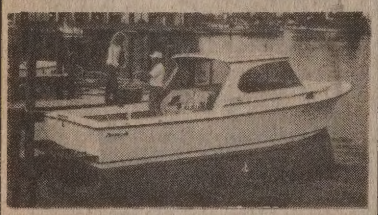

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All weighing in must be done at Uihlein's (party boats) and Gone Fishing Marina (private boats). All weighing in must be done no later than 6:30PM on each day. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, June 28th at Uihlein's at 8:30PM.

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The biggest of the three annual events in attendance so far, last week's tourney saw Robert Sackett of Yonkers take the $500 first prize with a 2 lb. 7¼oz. flattie. Robert Hauberger of Howard Beach lifted the second prize of $250 with a 2 lb. 6¼ ouncer; and Mike Knigen of Water Mill, NY, pocketed the third prize of $150 with a 2 lb. 5 oz. flounder.

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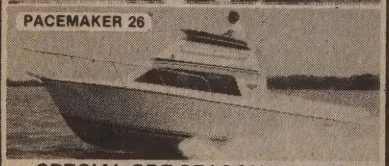
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weighing in a 1 lb. 14½ ouncer. Second went to Shane Muhs of Hampton Bays (rod and reel) for boating a 1 lb. 12¾ oz. fish. And a reel was won by Jason Martin of Hampton Bays for taking a 1 lb. 4¾ oz. fish.

Tournament boundaries were from Heady Creek to the Quogue Canal and from Shinnecock Canal to Shinnecock Inlet.

ECONOMICS OF GREAT LAKES FISHERIES

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission has recently released a technical report by Dr. Daniel R. Talhelm summarizing a study of the Economics of the Great Lakes Fisheries. Hundreds of millions of dollars are invested annually in Great Lakes fisheries and ecosystem protection and management—some $60 million in fisheries management and protection alone. The public demands accountability and reasonable returns for its hard earned dollars. Administrative, legislative, and judicial branches of government increasingly rely on benefit-cost and related economic and social assessments to provide measures of accountability. This report summarizes the latest known estimates of Great Lakes fisheries-related economic values and economic impacts, and describes how to interpret this information in evaluating fisheries management choices in the public sector.

Sport Fishing Economic Impacts. Anglers *spent* between $1 and $2 billion dollars, with a best estimate of $2 billion, in 1985 angling for Great Lakes fish. About half of this was spent for long term outlays for boats, vehicles and other angling-related equipment; and half for trip-related outlays for food, lodging, transportation, angling supplies, and oather trip expenses. Total spending averaged about $36.50 per angler day; about $17.50 for trip expenses and about $19 for long term outlays.

The total economic impact of this spending on the regional economy is $2 to $4 billion dollars. About $1.4 ($.7-1.4) billion of this $2-4 billion (about 35 percent) is personal income. About 75,000 worker-years were attributable to the sport fishery in 1985: 11,000 in Canada and 64,000 in the US.

This information tells us how important the fisheries are as an economic activity and helps us predict how many jobs and sales would be affected by a given change in the fisheries. Shifting fisheries from one location to another mainly changes the location of economic activity, whereas changing the *amount* of fisheries-related economic activity will shift a roughly-equivalent amount of economic activity to new types of businesses as well as to new locations.

Commercial Fishing Economic Impacts. The *landed value* of Great Lakes food fish and kindred products in 1985 was an estimated $41 million dollars. The *final sales value* of Great Lakes food fish was between $102 million and $164 million, or about $133 million.

The *total economic impact* of the food fishery on the regional economy was between $205 and $328 million, or about $270 million in 1985. Roughly 9,000 worker-years were attributable to the Great Lakes food fishery in 1985.

A Final Note. The report also contains comparable estimates of economic values and an excellent discussion of economic benefit and cost concepts. While Dr. Talhelm authored the report, the estimates were developed by a workshop of economists, who have actively worked on Great Lakes fisheries values and impacts over the last few years. After the publication was drafted, all members were asked to verify and update the information, as well as to comment in any other way. Thus, this publication represents a consensus of a diverse group of economics researchers and practitioners from the region. The work is available free from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, 1451 Green Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105.

CHOOSING AND USING FRESH FISH

Whether you catch it yourself or purchase it from a retailer, the flavor and nutrition of really fresh fish is hard to beat. However, fish is very perishable. To take home the best catch, carefully inspect fish before you buy. Cornell Cooperative Extension suggests this checklist as a guide in choosing fish:

Eyes—should be bright, clear and full. Avoid those that have become dull, or mucus covered.

Gills—should be bright red or pink and free from bacterial mucus covered.

Flesh—should be firm and elastic and spring back when pressed gently with the finger. Avoid flesh that is soft and separates from the bone.

Skin—should be shiny, bright with metallic luster. Avoid skin with color fading or bleaching.

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Once purchased, keep fresh fish at its peak by keeping it cold. Refrigerate it right away. If the trip from shore to store is lengthy, an ice-filled chest will keep the fish cold and help maintain quality. Use fresh fish within 24 hours.

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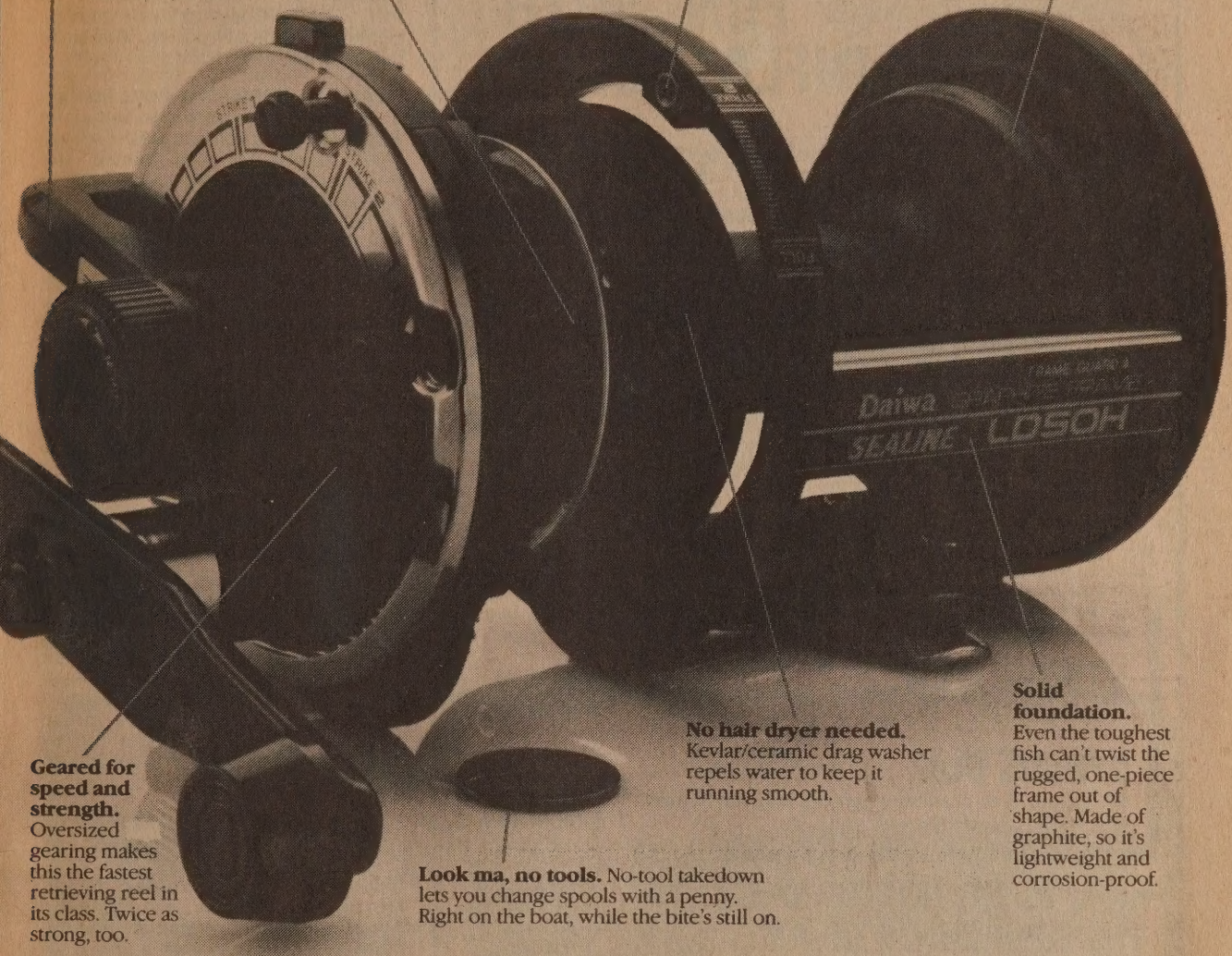

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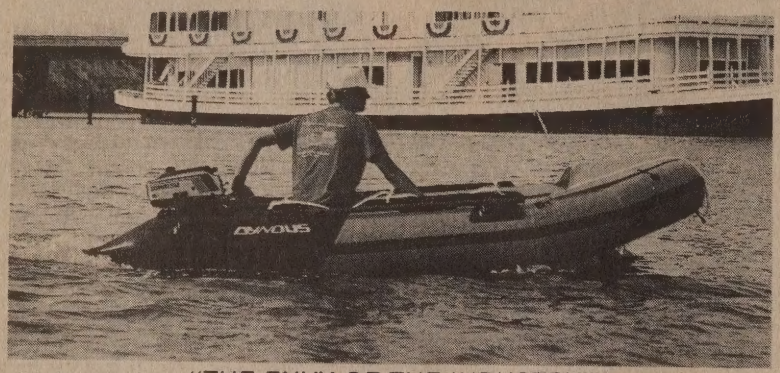

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ONE OF AMERICA'S FAVORITES

According to a recently announced Roper Organization poll that surveyed 2,000 adults, the top leisure and sports activities of Americans today are swimming (52%), fishing (42%), camping (34%), bowling (34%), and bicycling (33%). Jogging, sailing and working out in health clubs or gyms, are done by about a fifth of the population, while nine other activities—everything from hunting to ballroom dancing—are done by fewer people. These statistics are based on the respondent answering that they participated in the activity on a regular or occasional basis.

Respondents also were asked how much they spend on the pursuit of these activities per year. The median response was $134. Fully a quarter of Americans spend less than $50 annually on the activities they engage in; another quarter spend $250 a yar or more. About 1 in 20 spend more than $1,000 each year on their sports or leisure habits.

These Roper Poll results are similar to those of the 1985 Gallop Leisure Activities Audit which tallied actual participation during a twelve month period. In the Gallop Poll, fishing again finished second (34%) only to swimming (41%).

CONNECTICUT RIVER BASS TOURNEY RESULTS

Shorty Vaow of Candor, New York, fishing the first tournament in the Northeast region of Bassing America's Grand National Tournament Circuit on May 24th on the Connecticut River won first place for his bass weighing 14 lbs. 4 oz. and also won $1000 in tournament bonus money from Yamaha. Shorty caught his fish on worms in Hamburg Cove. His partner for the day, Wayne Schaefer of Middlesex, New Jersey, placed second with 12 lbs. 8 oz. and also had big bass of the tournament with a 4 lb. 1 oz. bass. This is 18 year old Wayne's first year tournament fishing.

Third place was taken by Rich Davisson of Budd Lake, New Jersey, with 11 lb. 15 oz. Brian Rayle of Baldwinsville, New York, took fourth place weighing in 10 lbs. 5 oz. Finishing fifth was Dick Garlock of Alexandria Bay, New York, with 8 lbs. 10 oz. Rich Zaleski of Stevenson, Connecticut, placed sixth with 7 lbs. 1 oz., and the final money position was won by Mark Brett of E. Hartford, Connecticut with a weight of 4 lbs. 6 oz.

The remaining tournaments in the Northeast region are: June 21, Lake

George, Headwaters Marine; June 28, Lake Champlain, Ft. Ticonderoga; July 5, Hudson River, Warren Inn; August 9, Cayuga, Deer Head Inn; August 15 and 16, Double Point, 1000 Islands, Martin's Motel; August 29 and 30, Region Final, Hudson River, Friar Tuck Inn.

The top ten point holders in the Northeast region are guaranteed invitations to the Grand National Championship to be held from October 3 through 10, 1987, on the Hudson River, Catskill, New York. 150 anglers will be invited to fish in the no-entry fee championship, ten top point holders from each of eight regions and the top 70 national point holders without duplication.

Bassing America's Grand National Tournament Circuit is sponsored by MotorGuide, Ranger, Ranger Trail, Yamaha, Abu Garcia, Lowrance, Eagle, LStren and Prime. For more information on the tournament circuit call or write Bassing America Grand Naitonal, 4660 Sunbelt Drive, Dallas, Texas 75248; (214) 380-2656.

3M REDUCES VIDEO PRICES

3M announced that it will reduce retail prices on its extensive line of outdoor sports videos to stimulate consumer purchases.

On June 1st, all fishing videos in 3M's Sportsman's Video Collection produced by the company's Leisure Time Products operation will be dropped from $79.95 to $49.49. Hunting videos will be reduced similarly on July 15th.

"Our videos are the most popular hunting and fishing rental tapes on our retailers' shelves," according to Harry Campbell, marketing operations manager for 3M/Leisure Time Products, "and our market research indicates that by reducing our prices to $49.95 we will experience explosive growth in consumer purchases."

Until this announcement, 3M videos have been among the most expensive in the outdoor sports market. "Our level of investment in each of our productions is extremely high," explained Campbell, "but no other company offers hunting and fishing videos that even approach ours in quality. In the past three years we have won five Teddy Awards, an Outdoor Writers of America Film Award, and several citations of merit in other film competitions. It's no coincidence that our videos consistently appear on *Billboard's* rating of the top twenty recreational sports videos."

3M currently offers 48 "how to" videos on subjects such as bass fishing, deer hunting, duck hunting and fly fishing. Their recently released video, Understanding the Wild Turkey, won first place for sports films in the 1987 Outdoor Writers of America Award competition. Three 1986 videos, Strategies for Selective Trout, Bowhunting for Whitetail Deer and Catching Big Bass, swept the 1986 Teddy Awards, regarded by many as the "Oscars of the outdoor film industry."

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For more information, write to Scientific Anglers, 3M/Leisure Time Products, Dept. 87-010-LT, Box 33600, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55133-3600.

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Bob Marshall, a talented and widely recognized outdoor writer, wrote an interesting article, "The Recreational Fishing Industry," which appeared in Southern Outdoors Saltwater magazine in its February, 1987 issue. Although Bob's article dealt with marine fishing, we feel it applies equally to *all* fishing.

SFI has been advocating the importance of the economic contributions of sport fishing. The economic importance of sport fishing will be the deciding factor in the allocation of fish stocks, fishery habitat and scarce governmental dollars for the management of comon property fishery resources.

Bob's article appeared in his regular Conservation Column and is reprinted in its entirety:

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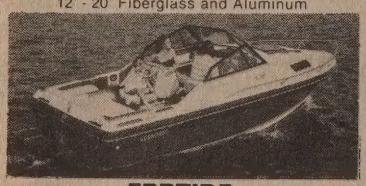

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A generation ago, no one would have argued the point; a person was entitled to a little R&R. But times have changed. And if you want the pleasures you experience today on salty waters handed down to another generation tomorrow, it's time for some re-education—of yourself, and others.

The challenge is clear. Our marine resources are under pressure as never before, facing real and potentially disastrous threats from pollution and overharvest.

The offshore commercial fishing industries have entered an age of efficiency your local gill netter never dreamed of, building huge open-ocean vessels called factory boats. Costing millions each, the factory boats are small industrial complexes afloat. Each carries smaller fishing boats—everything from purse seiners to longliners—that motor out daily, often directed by spotter planes, to make the catch.

For decades, marine sport fishermen have been arguing the case for conservation based on ideals. They have talked about "outdoor traditions," about the intrinsic values of outdoor recreation, even about the citizen's "right" to enjoy outdoor sports. But their opponents have always been hitting government agencies with the language they understand: cold, hard cash. And the sportsmen were dismissed, almost with contempt.

"It's the oldest scenario on the books, and I've seen it hundreds of times," says Maumus Claverie of New Orleans, who has represented marine sportsmen on countless panels and councils since the mid-70s. "The commercial guys talk about jobs and money and families eating. They talk about their 'industry'. Then they point to us and say, 'You're just fishing for fun.'

"And the thing is, the bureaucracies that make the decisions agree with them."

Most federal and state agencies charged with managing marine resources, in fact, have a long history of working as support groups for the commercial industry. Their research is often directed to supply useful information for commercial fishermen; many of their regulations are designed to settle disputes between commercials. A glaring statement of that attitude is the fact that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which was once titled the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, is no longer part of the Department of the Interior, but the Department of Commerce.

"As far as NMFS is concerned," Claverie maintains, "the marine fishing business in this nation means commercial fishing only. And that's what we've got to change."

That change has begun. Organizations such as the Coastal Conservation Association, for example, have won local battles and begun to make an impact on the national scene. But there's still a long way to go. Individual saltwater sport fishermen must make their impact be known by joining groups dedicated to marine conservation.

"We haven't even scratched the surface," Claverie says, "because we're talking about making a fundamental change: altering the way the ruling agencies perceive their jobs. And the only way we're going to achieve that is to make them know, through public awareness, that there are two components to the marine fishing business in this country: the commercial industry, and the recreational industry."

So, get used to the word. Industry. You are part of it. And it may be the most important thing to the sport you love.

RAND MC NALLY PARK AND CAMPGROUND GUIDE

Rand McNally's *1987 RV Park and Campground Directory* now includes a new "Boating and Water Sports Guide." This guide provides information about service, fuel availability, camping facilities, fishing and if you don't have your own boat, where to rent one.

Formerly titled the "Campground and Trailer Park Directory," the *RV Park and Campground Directory* has added six new regional directories to the series. They are: *California and Western States; Mid-Atlantic states; Midwest States; New York and New England States; Southern States;* and *Texas, Great Plains and Rockies States.* Each includes newly revised, full color state locator maps, designed to make campground location easier and up-to-date at-a-glance campground information charts.

The campground charts provide all the information a camper needs for a successful trip—items such as: the number of tent and trailer campsites; recreational facilities available; elevation and type of terrain; special RV services; availability of electrical, water, and sewer hookups; sanitary facilities, and whether reservations are required.

The *1987 RV Park and Campground Directory* features an expanded RV Service Guide, up-to-date license fees for both hunting and fishing, and detailed listings of over 19,000 campgrounds, both public and private. For more info: Bonnie Idelman, Public Relations Assistant, (312) 673-9100, ext. 2295.

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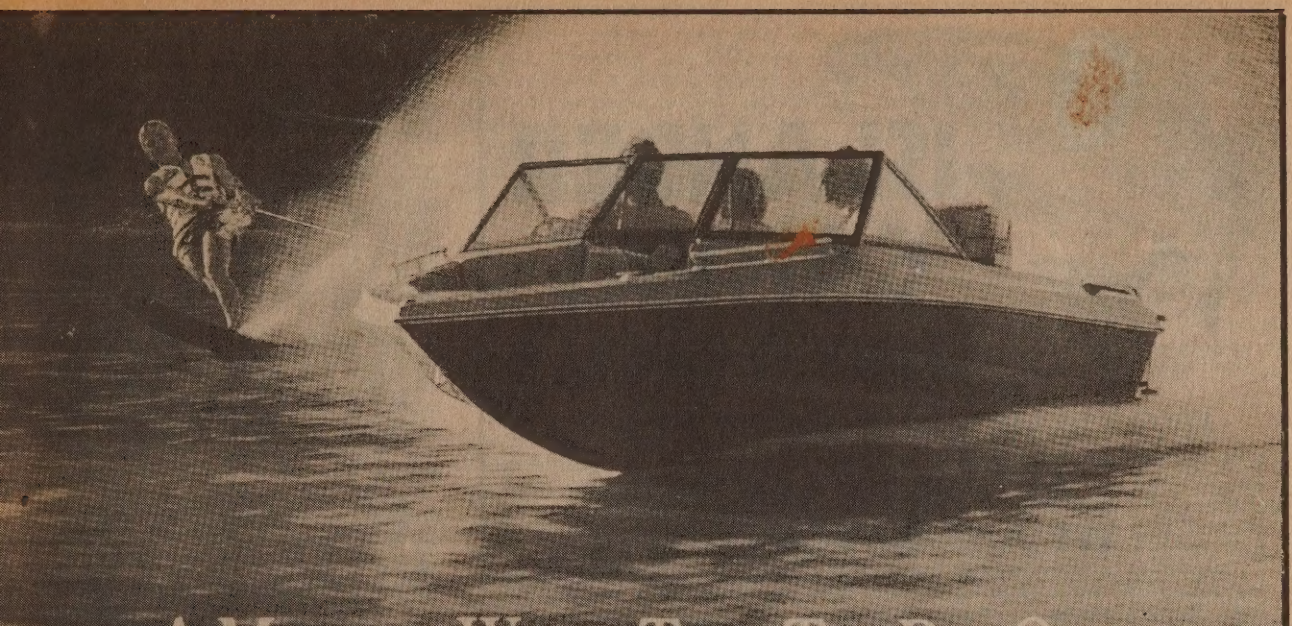

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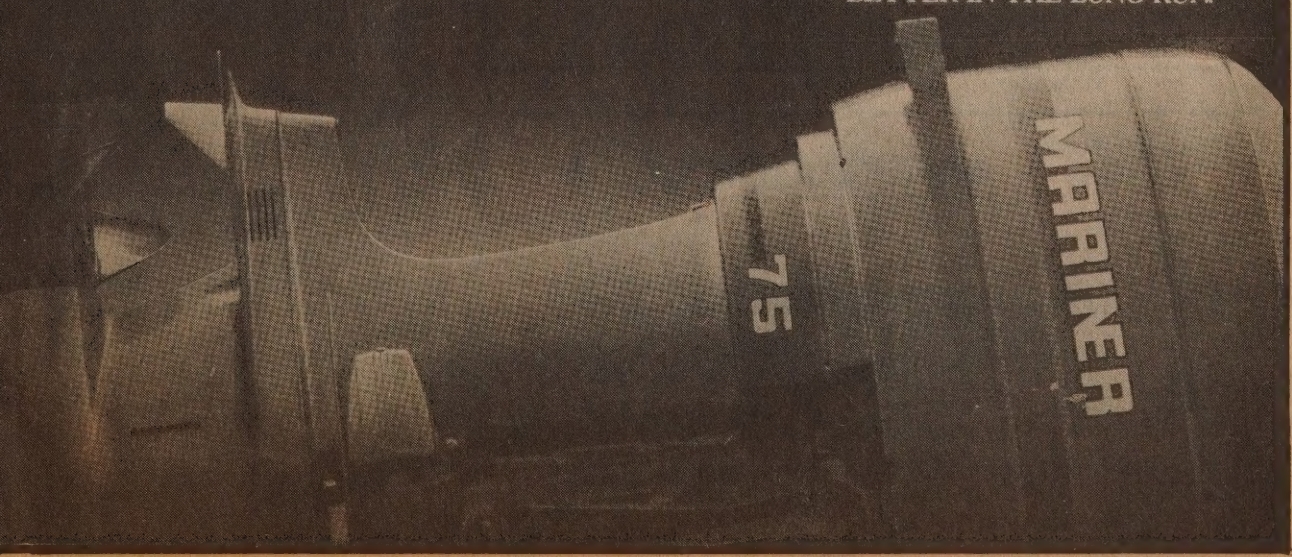

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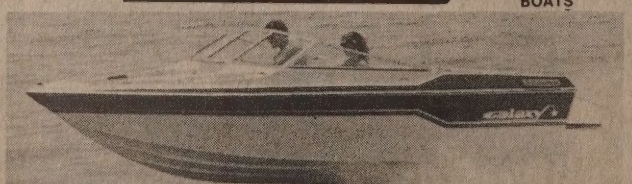

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RAMPAGE ENTERS OUTBOARD SPORT FISHING BOAT MARKET

Rampage Yachts, a division of Tillotson-Pearson, Inc., Warren, R.I. is now offering its 24 foot cuddy cabin and center console models in an outboard version. Until now, the wide beam, balsa-cored Rampage 24 Express and Mark II Tournament were available only in inboard.

The Tillotson-Pearson fabricated transom bracket is made of aluminum reinforced molded fiberglass and is thru-bolted to the transom. It comes with twin swim platforms, and the bracket makes a good casting well for inshore fishing.

The 29 inch bracket has ample depth for engine tilting and has a weight capacity of 1200 pounds. Manufacturer's recommended power options are single or twin 150 hp outboards thru-bolted to the bracket.

For more info, contact Rampage Yachts, Division of Tillotson-Pearson, Inc., P.O. Box 328, Warren, RI 02885.

PACEMAKER 36

Pacemaker Yachts of Berlin, New Jersey will introduce its all new 36 Convertible for the 1988 model year. The new 36 Convertible combines state-of-the-art design and clean, crisp styling with the traditional quality you expect from Pacemaker.

As a performer, she promises to be a true New Jersey thoroughbred. A wide beam and modified V-bottom translate into a comfortable ride, excellent handling and outstanding fuel economy. Standard power is a pair of 340 MerCruiser with diesel options available. This efficient power plant and 400 gallons of fuel mean plenty of range for both economical cruising and successful sport fishing. Her flying bridge controls are placed aft with plenty of guest seating forward. This provides visibility for maneuvering and a good view of the spacious cockpit for serious angling.

The plush tri-level interior includes just the right combination of varnished teak and coordinated laminates and fabrics. A two-stateroom layout with amid level galley and spacious main saloon show thoughtful use of space. The list of standard equipment is lengthy and includes such items as generator, air/heat, stereo, color TV, microwave and much more.

According to Pacemaker Vice President, Jeff Herdelin, "For the past year and a half, we've experienced a tremendous demand for a model in this size range. We studied the market and arrived at a design we believed would work. The result is a 36 footer that I believe is the best value available in this size range."

For information, contct your local Pacemaker dealer or Jeff Herdelin at Pacemaker Yachts in Berlin, NJ at (609) 768-1860.

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In reply to requests from professional fishing captains and serious deep sea fishermen, So-Lo Marine has developed a line of Tuna Hooks (Meat Hooks).

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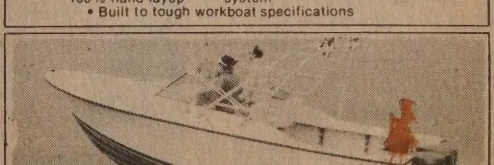

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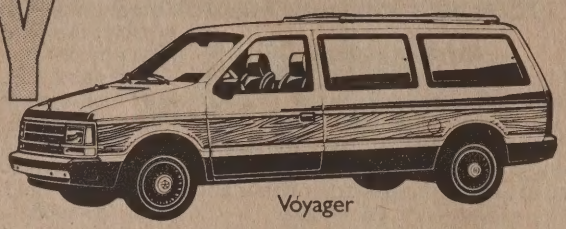

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RAY JEFFERSON'S NEW TELESCAN 480 VIDEO SONAR

Responding to the demand for a low cost marine video sonar, Ray Jefferson has introduced the Telescan 480, a fully computerized video sonar equal in operation, quality and appearance to its more expensive sister, the Model T-1500.

"Ongoing research, advanced technology and breakthrough in electronic microprocessing has enabled us to produce a unit that is within the budget of every fisherman," said Jerome Kursman, V.P. and General Manager of Ray Jefferson.

The T-480's bright 6" CRT display screen sharply defines bottom contours to a depth of 480 feet. Four well defined shades of grey provide easy separation and visual recognition of individual fish, bait fish, bottom contours and dropoffs.

An outstanding feature of the Telescan 480 is Automatic Mapping. This mode slows the sweep speed down to show an actual picture of bottom contours.

The T-480 has a selection of five depth ranges: 0-30', 0-60', 0-120', 0-240' and 0-480' displayed in easy to read numbers on the left side of the screen. The range scales are shown as dash lines dividing the screen into depth zones which can be removed for a clutter-free visual display. A digital depth readout of the actual water depth is constantly displayed at the bottom of the screen.

The unit also features a zoom control. The zoom enlarges either the top or bottom half of the display to cover the entire screen. For example, in the 0-60' range, the "up" zoom will enlarge all the information in the top section (0-30') to fill the screen. The "down" zoom will enlarge the bottom 30'-60' section. Now that you've chosen to down zoom from 30'-60', you see something interesting at 35'. Touch the top zoom key and the unit will now enlarge the top half of the 30'60' range, which is 30'-45'. These special zoom features permit a variety of different possible pictures to provide the most efficient display possible for any condition. A touch of the "freeze frame" button will hold the image until released.

Automatic Ranging, new on the Telescan 1500 last year, is included on the T-480 to assure continuous, accurate display in the correct range. If your depth is not within the preset range, the unit automatically switches to the correct range.

The Automatic Tracking feature of the T-480 is in addition to the four standard sweep speeds. When the

Automatic Tracking keypad is touched, the sweep speed of the display matches the speed of the boat, continuously displaying bottom conditions in exact relationship to the boat movement.

A dual alarm system is standard equipment on the T-480. When activated, an electronic graph appears on the right side of the viewing screen. The operator can select minimum and maximum depth levels as desired. Set the top alarm to any desired depth and the operator is able to "hear" by audible alarm any fish that breaks the beam. Set the bottom alarm at a depth below that of the actual bottom and the operator is alerted audibly to "dropoffs" and "honey holes." This feature also allows the operator to set an "Anchor Alert" window to monitor any changes in water depth when at anchor.

The T-480 is more accurate than many expensive chart recorders and eliminates the need for rolls of costly chart paper. The unit is rugged, compact and designed for marine use. The controls feature a waterproof keypad with touch tone for range selection, up and down zoom, sweep speed and freeze frame, upper and lower audible alarm and brightness. The keypad is backlit for night viewing.

The Ray Jefferson T-480 comes with a detachable sun hook, clear plastic protective "see through" cover, gimbal mounting bracket, transducer transom mounting bracket, 20 ft. of trandsducer cable and a detachable power cord.

Suggested manufacturer's list price is $599.95.

Ray Jefferson is a division of Jetronic Industries, Inc., a diversified manufacturer listed on the American Stock Exchange. For further information, contact Ray Jefferson, Main & Cotton Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19127; (215) 487-2800.

TWO NEW AQUASPORTS IDEAL FOR BAYS AND SOUND

Long known for its coastal and offshore fishing boats, Aquasport of Hialeah, Florida, has introduced two new models designed for striper and other types of inland fishing. The 170 and 200 Stripers are far more versatile than the typical bass boat, with a hull design that also gives them the ability to ply rougher waters, pull skiers or serve as an all-around family-fun boat.

Equipped with a specially designed lighting system that illuminates work areas in the cockpit without scaring fish away, both Stripers also feature a built-in tackle cabinet and a circulating bait well for exceptional fishing convenience.

Aquasport's Big Catch, the most extensive standard-equipment package available on any fishing boat, includes recessed teak racks for four rods, flush rod holders, a 36 quart fish box, three storage boxes, fiberglass encased fuel tank, navigation lights, automatic bilge pump and much more. The bench seat on both models also lifts to reveal a huge 86 quart cooler to hold either cold refreshments or the day's catch.

The console offers a complete array of instruments and controls, among them: stainless steel steering wheel, fuel gauge, tachometer and a trim indicator. There are also ample console storage areas, plus a molded-in electronics locker that can accommodate the latest in fish-finding instruments.

Both the 170 and 200 are built on hulls of a modified-V design with 12 degree deadrise. This keeps the draft shallow (7½" for the 170 and 9" for the 200) and results in exceptional stability for inland fishing, while at the same time giving the boats a smooth, dry ride in rougher water. Higher freeboard than on typical bass boats also makes the Stripers more suitable for rougher waters.

"We wanted to build boats for people who love to bass fish but don't want to limit themselves just to bass fishing," said Jack Albertson, Aquasport's vice president of sales and marketing. "We've given them a boat that does everything well, giving the buyer a great deal more for his money."

Aquasport, a pioneer in the development of the center console fishing boat, recently named a panel of experts composed of established fishing professionals to play an integral

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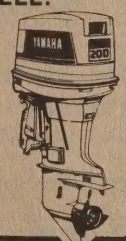

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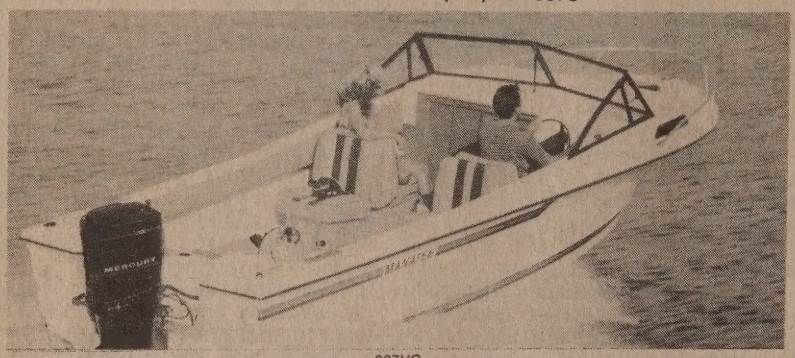

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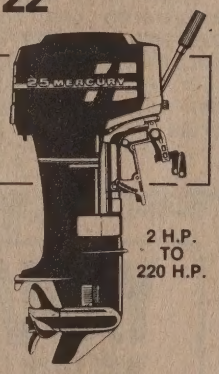

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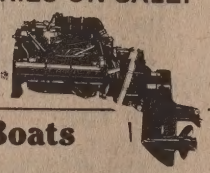

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This new boat is 18' 4" long, with an impressive beam of 84 inches and V bottom: stability and soft riding in chop result. Hull weight is 870 lbs. With a maximum engine rating of 120 hp, she'll move rapidly to where the fish are.

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The slightly elevated forward deck conceals a flush-mounted, 40 inc. long aerated live well. On this deck, a pedestal seat is positioned for easy use of electric trolling motor foot controls.

Seating arrangements in both models are versatile. The FM-161 has

available optional console steering, windshield and "buddy" seat base next to the driver. Swiveling, pedestal seats fore and aft are standard equipment.

The rear-steered FM-164 is ideal for back trolling. On this model, there is an optional center seat for a third angler. The base for this seat is mounted as standard equipment. Electrical trolling motor plug-ins are located fore and aft for rigging versatiltiy. And an electrical control panel is located within easy reach of the driver for operating the aerator, lights and bilge pump.

Both boats have plenty of storage space, including deep 8 ft. long rod lockers and room to stow more gear under the bow deck and transom splash well. There is also storage space under the driver's seat of the FM-161.

Constructed of top-grade, .072 gauge marine aluminum, both boats have 72 in. beams, 30.5 in. bow height and 21 in. transom height. Model FM-161 is rated for 60 hp; model FM-164 for 50 hp.

For further information and a free catalog, write to: Sea Nymph, Inc., P.O. Box 337, Syracuse, IN 46567-0337.

MAXIMA OFFERS NEW "HAWAII SILVER" MONOFILAMENT LINE IN HIGH CAPACITY SPOOLS

Maxima, the leading name in premium IGFA class monofilament fishing line, is now offering its proven "Hawaii Silver" big game line in high capacity service spools.

Maxima introduced the Hawaii Silver line last year in convenient 55 yard clear-plastic big game leader dispenser spools. The smoke-gray line quickly became the top choice of offshore anglers, particularly in the Hawaiian Islands and off the Northeast Coast of the U.S.

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The Hawaii Silver color offers three distinct advantages to bluewater fishermen. For one, the smoke-gray, low contrast color becomes virtually invisible when viewed by fish below the water's surface. Secondly, the same color offers good visibility above water, making it easier for anglers to track their lines. And third, the line does not discolor, as do other light colored lines after hours of trolling through a wake of engine exhaust residues. Hawaii Silver keeps its color and its strength long after other lines have been discarded.

Hawaii Silver high capacity service spools are available in 50, 60, 80, 100, 130 and 180 pound test. The big game leader coiler packs come in 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 and 300 pound test.

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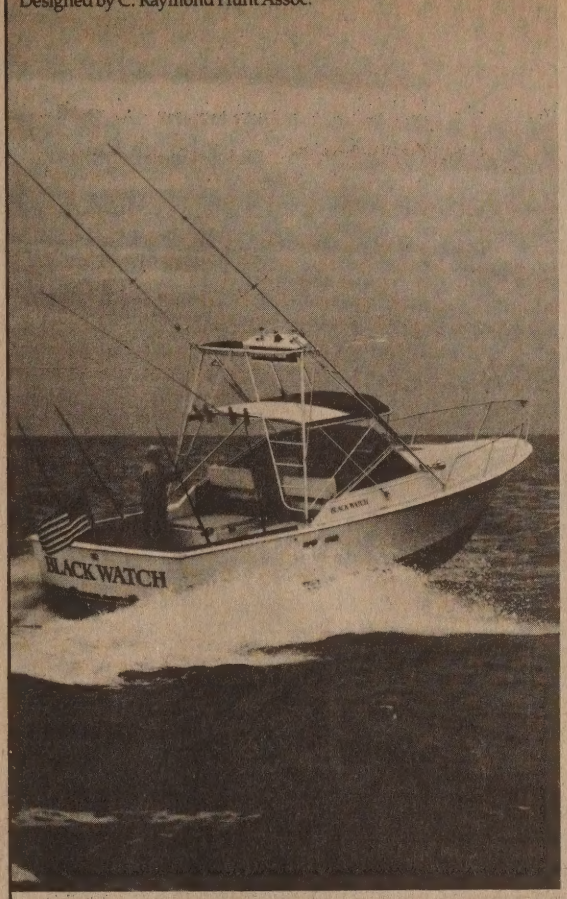

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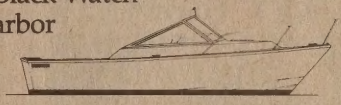
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SEAWAY 19

Charlie Soares

When I see or read the name "Seaway Boats" I immediately think of carvel work skiffs and pleasure boats. That image has been true to form for over the past 16 years, although a slight change as begun at this down east builder's yard which became evident when I tested their introduction into the sport fishing/family boating field in the form of their 26 foot Northstar. The press releases from this firm over the past several years confirm their commitment in this direction. From very plain yet rugged work boats they are now turning out some attractive and nicely finished sport boats.

This piece however does not deal with the new line but with an old favorite. The 19 foot open fisherman can be found in most east coast harbors an quite frequently they are fitted with pot haulers, culling board and bait stations for their full or part time occupations as lobster boats. Lately many more are being dressed up with center consoles, flush mount rod holders and other accouterments which are a tip off to their owners persuits.

I fished from one of the original offerings in Cape Cod and Massachusetts Bay for flounder and cod, and hauled the owner's lobster gear from her in all kinds of weather. The boat is a traditional displacement hull with excellent load carrying credentials and sea keeping qualities.

The first boats were rugged yet rough. You could expect to find raw glass or mat edges under the gunwales or heavy fabric laps which were not sanded out or tapered. The more recent hulls are nicely finished and look as well as they perform.

A friend who owns a 30 foot diesel powered commercial boat has always kept a smaller boat for long shore pleasures and commercial fishing. He initially purchased a 16 foot Seaway commercial skiff to which he added a handsome custom pilot house and bait well built into the forward section and overhead electronic storage with an 18 gallon fuel tank underneath. He fished from this rig for several years before ordering a 19 foot version to which he added the same pilot house.

He was happy with the power and economy of the 50 hp Mercury being used on the smaller boat and he did not want to make his investment any larger so he bolted on the same engine which he planned to change as soon as funds became available. I have always appreciated the simple yet very efficient design of these boats which allow them to carry heavy loads with minimal power comfortably. I would never recommend a 50 hp engine for most 19 foot hulls but this one has been doing the job and very economically despite what the combination has been asked to get done. I have seen her with 3 adults and 5 full totes of fish and all her attendant gear making her way across the Sound n a quartering sea with little effort. You won't pull water skis with this combination but that's not what these boats were designed for.

Another 19 open commercial skiff shared a slip on the same finger pier as I one winter as we wintered afloat in the Sandwich basin in the east end of the Cape Cod Canal. The owner was a young married man who never had two nickels to rub together but he was fiercely independant and determined to make a living as a commercial fisherman. He set tub trawls, raked sea weed, dug clams and quahogs and tended lobster traps. He was not much on upkeep, maintenance or appearances as he used a rusted coal shovel to relieve his craft of the snow which fell heavily that year and took no pains to be careful about where he scraped or gouged in the process. The

ice which kept me in port some mornings was never a deterant to him as he would drive the bow of his boat into it until he reached the open water.

I bet my wife he would sink her for sure but he never did although that was some sorry looking boat for all of the abuse it suffered. One early spring afternoon he turned all of the heads in the basin as he returned from raking weed with is cargo piled so high you could not see gunwales or motor. He looked like a farmer driving a manure wagon. I helped him bag that load, which was destined for Logan Airport and the sea food dealers which use the weed to ship their products, and I would offer a conservative estimate it was well over 3,000 pounds. No one I know would have abused a boat in that fashion bu the battered 19 with its ageless 80 hp Merc was up to whatever its owner asked of it and then some.

It would be difficult to describe the reserve boyancy in these hulls but you would not need an explanation if you were coming into the mouth of the canal on a dumping tide with a contrary wind carrying 8 water soked wooden lobster pots on your foredeck, 2½ totes of drawn codfish and two men in oils. I had a lump in my throat each time we slid down the face of a wave until the hull recovered and climbed up the next one. These boats are quite possibly one of the best buys on the market for someone in need of a no nonsense yet very dependable hull. Seaway has made some enormous changes in their production methods and design as well as a commitment to quality as they enter their 17th year of boat building.

Among the many standard features are a stainless bow rail and console grab rails, a raised casting platform with teak covered storage compartments, under the gun'l rod storage and teak covering boards.

The console is adequate in size and allows plenty of space to walk past as you head to bow or stern. A graph recorder and Loran would be easy to mount on top of the console and the built in storage shelf would be the best spot for you VHF radio. A teak trimmed access opening at the rear of the console provides storage for tackle boxes and other gear.

As is, the Seaway 19 is a great all round inshore fishing boat. She's simple and easy to clean, maintain and service. Of course the individual angler could add a long list of custom options if he wanted something fancier.

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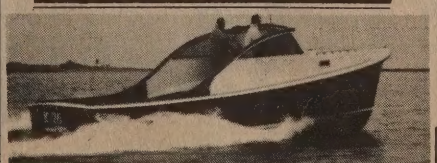

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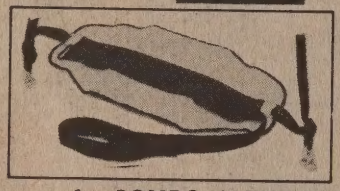

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Product Review

MITCHELL PRO 308

by Ken Freel

It was over 12 years ago when I first had the urge to search for a spinning reel which was light enough to lug through the woods and still handle feisty river trout. At that time ultralight tackle was still a relatively new idea in fishing but it didn't take long before I came across an excellent reel for my fishing purposes. It was the Mitchell 308.

That ole' Mitchell 308 was a dynamite little reel which packed a smooth drag and fast 4 to 1 gear ratio. It worked fine for those 12 years of fishing until someone got careless with it and the rod and reel just walked off somewhere, never to be seen again by its owner. It was about time to get a new reel.

The market for ultralight reels has grown dramatically since my first search for the ultimate ultralight reel. There are now literally dozens of decent to excellent ultralights to choose from. But again, my search didn't take too long because almost as soon as I saw the new top of the line Mitchell 308 Pro, I knew it was the reel for me. It was like meeting an old friend.

The 308 Pro reel is a brand new 1987 model just introduced by Mitchell. This reel reminds me of the new black sports car I yearned to buy, that is until the monthly payments were calculated. The 308 Pro is sleek and smooth, and its 5.5 to 1 gear ratio is definitely fast action for the type of fishing ultralights are made for.

The guts of the 308 Pro are all top quality for durability and smooth gear action. The main gear and pinion are made of bronze, the axle is stainless steel. The rotating head rides on twin race stainless steel ball bearings and this gives the Pro 308 a super fine tuned retrieve that's as smooth as virgin ice on a sheltered lake in winter.

The combination drag system rounds out the inner workings of this fine machine. You need a good drag system like the Pro's because 2 to 4 pound test will break easily if the drag does not give when you need it to.

From the outside this reel has all the makings of the classic that it is. It's painted black and it's sturdy, yet sleek. The heavy duty aluminum alloy body and spool housing is triple dipped with a special anti-corrosion paint which protects the reel from moisture and keeps it looking as sharp as ever even after years of service. This special paint can take a lot of abuse without chipping.

The bail is made of heavy gauge stainless steel. An improvement over the original 308, this new bail system features a heavy duty bar/spring for long life, and the roller line guide system protects the line from chafing. A rosewood handle is the finishing touch of class, and each reel comes with a gold engraving plate so that you can place your name on it. This could help prevent the reel from walking off someday as mine did. The reel handle folds for easy storage and each reel comes with a cloth carrying case.

Each of this series of reels comes with two spools. The first is a graphite spool with a line capacity of 230 yards of 4 pound test. The second spool is a special anodized aluminum marine spool for those fishermen who might want to use this little beauty while fishing for snapper blues or other smaller ocean fish. This extra spool takes 340 yards of 4 pound test or 245 yards of 6 pound test. Both spools snap on and off easily for quick changing by pushing the round button in the center of the drag adjustment knob.

As with any ultralight reel you need to match it with an ultralight rod. The 308 Pro that I use is matched with the Mitchell 100 Purebred rod. This combination couldn't be any better as the rod and reel are perfectly balanced and feel just right as you fish. You don't have to match it with the Purebred 100, but you probably could not find a better rod to compliment this fine reel.

While the 308 is ideal for trout fishing, I plan on giving it a try with some of the bigger members of the sunfish family like the largemouth bass, and with the anodized marine spool this little reel is also going to see some action in the bays for spunky snapper blues and hopefully some weakies.

The Pro casts beautifully and handles all the fish I've encountered with grace and ease. You get a lot of fight out of the fish with a little reel like this, but its smooth drag and anti-reverse lever combine to take the fight out of any fish you encounter. I've even tangled with long toothy pickerel up to 23 inches and had a blast fighting these predators on this reel.

It looks so good when it's new you probably will have second thoughts about actually using it right away. You'll end up babying it a bit at first until you realize how tough this little machine really is. The best way to enjoy, of course, is out on your favorite river, lake or bay. It really is fun to use and a fine addition to any fisherman's spinning collection.

The Mitchell 308 Pro is made in France and weighs a scant 7.5 ounces. It is light in weight but big on durability, fishing ability and value.

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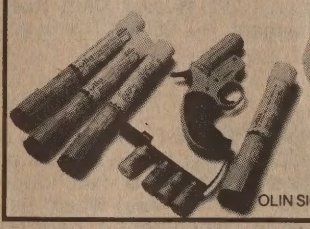

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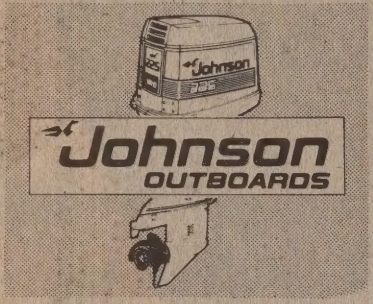

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

The questions in this week's Tackle Doctor are about "big game" species of fish like tunas and sharks. Thoughts of man eating size sharks and giant tuna seem to dominate our thoughts when we think of big game fishing, and so big game tackle is often thought of as the only type that will suffice to subdue these monster fish. This is not the case most of the time, however, and many people are somewhat surprised that lighter tackle is often the key to more fishing fun as many of the sharks and tuna one catches are under 100 pounds. Send any Tackle Doctor questions to: The Fisherman, 1622 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. Thank you.

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Dear Doc,

Not too long ago I purchased a 30 to 80 pound class Sabre stroker pro series rod which is six feet long. I would like to know what would be a good reel to compliment it. I am willing to spend up to $150. for the reel, but I am looking for something with a solid frame construction. Also, I am going out for tuna for the first time this year and I would like to know if the tuna trips that they have for $150. per man are worth it, or do you recommend something different? Thanks.

Felix V. Cappullio, Sr.

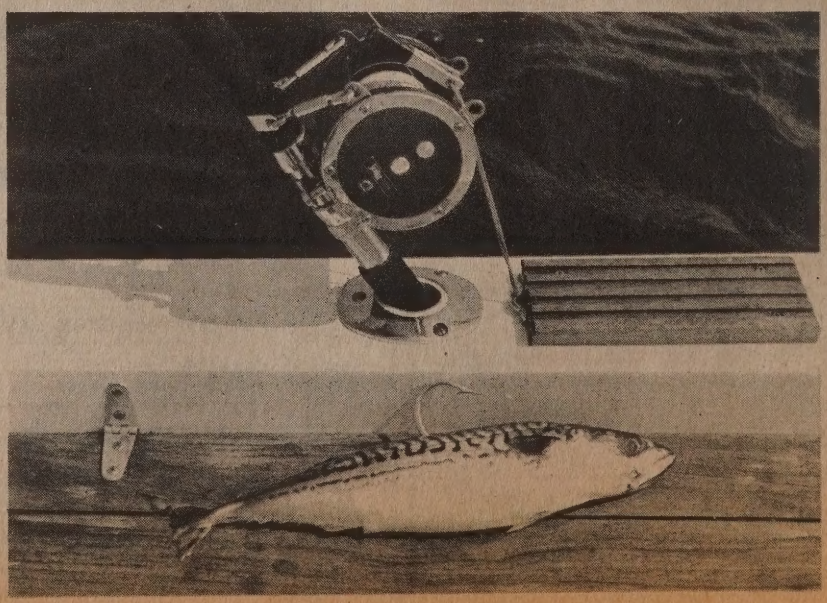
Dear Felix,

Most fish that fishermen encounter on these tuna trips range from 25 to 100 pounds so 50 pound line is adequate for this type of fishing. A good reel in this class range which would compliment your Sabre rod, which is an excellent choice for this party boat tuna action, is the Daiwa 600H.

This reel has a one piece frame plus it's well within the budget figure you've mentioned above. Another good reel to consider is the Penn 114H. This reel is very durable, but is not of one piece construction. Both reels have star drag systems.

If you'd like to spend a little more money (about $200.) then there are two excellent reels by Shimano that are one piece construction. The Shimano TLD 30 or TLD 50 models are the ticket here. These reels have a lever drag system which holds up better to the long hard runs of tuna and other big gamefish. The reason for this is simple: the star drag and washers are smaller in circumference and therefore cannot dissipate the heat created by a long run as quickly. On a lever drag system the washer is much larger in circumference and thus can handle and dissipate the heat faster. Remember, though, that star drag systems have tamed many a world record fish in the past quite well. Whatever type of reel you choose, you're either going to spend a little less than $100, or somewhere just over the $200. range.

The tuna trips that cost $150. per man are most definitely worth the price. Over the season these trips are



excellent. The alternative is to charter a boat for 5 to 10 times the price, or go out and buy a boat yourself. The thing to remember with any type of fishing is that on some days the fish just won't bite or cannot be located. It happens to the best of captains and fishermen too. The $150. price tag is well worth the money.

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Dear Doc,

I am an avid fisherman who goes after a variety of fish, but I have never set out after sharks. I am planning on taking a couple of shark trips this year and would like to purchase a rod which could be used specifically for sharking. Is most sharking done with the new stand up style tuna rods or with the trolling style rods combined with fighting the fish from a chair? I would appreciate it if you would tell me what type of rod to use and what kinds of reels would work best for this type of fishing? Thanks a lot.

Adam Torine

Dear Adam,

You can fight sharks very easily while standing up in the cockpit of a sport fishing boat. Choice of rod can be important. The stand up style rods with the extremely limber tips are not capable of setting the hook as well as rods with the stiffer tip action. Several companies that make the short stand up rods are now offering models specifically for east coast sharking and these rods do have stiffer tips. Stiffer tips are necessary because sharks have a lot of teeth, thick jaws, plus very tough mouth tissue so the rod must be yanked hard to make sure the hook will penetrate.

Many east coast shark anglers prefer a longer rod more like the standard trolling rod. The reason for this is the extra length allows the anglers to walk the fish around the boat more easily, and around possible obstructions like an outboard engine or trim tabs. Some shark fishermen even use rods 7½ to 8 feet long, but most do very nicely with a standard trolling rod from 6' 6" to 6' 9" in length.

Typical sharks along the east coast will average from 40 to 150 pounds and can be caught quite handily on 30 pound class tackle. A lot of sharkers do use the 50 to 80 pound class tackle to prepare for that monster mako or huge, toothy tiger.

The best way for you to go is the middle ground. Thirty to fifty pound class tackle will do you just fine for most sharks. Other equipment to include if you decide to fish while standing up include a high quality gimbal belt, plus a kidney harness.

Typical star drag reels that work fine for shark fishing include the Penn 113H or the Daiwa 400H or 600H. Shimano also has a fine lever drag reel, the TLD 25. There are plenty of other excellent reels to choose from but ultimately only you know how much you can afford to spent.

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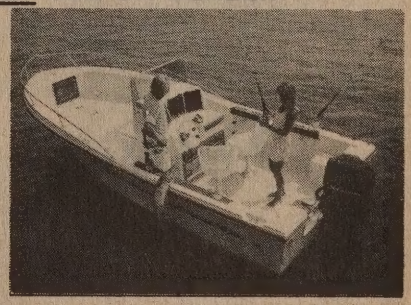

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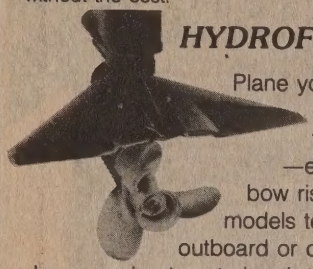

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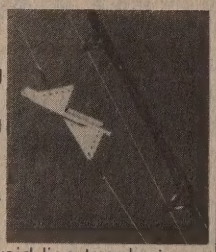

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

STAND UP TIN BOATS

Last week I received a call from a reader who questioned my advice on running a 14 foot aluminum boat while standing up. I can sympathize with his situation because the first time someone told me that was the way he ran his boat I thought the guy was nuts.

However, once I set my tin boat up so I could run it while standing I saw that my advisor was correct. Not only is standing more comfortable it is also safer because you have better control of the boat and you can see where you are going much easier.

The key to running your boat while standing is a tiller arm on your outboard. In my Eastern Marine catalog they are listed as outboard extension handles and available for OMC, Mercury and Chrysler motors up to 30 hp.

Once you have the handle properly mounted on the motor you should be able to stand in front of the rear seat and steer the boat. I used the rear seat to support myself by pressing the back of my legs against the front of the seat. I also kept a cushion on the seat for those times I wanted to sit down. A short line attached to the bow and just long enough to grab gives added safety in rough water.

Some boaters will install a plywood floor in their tin boats which can be covered with non-skid paint or tape. I am certain this would make standing more comfortable but I never went to this much trouble.

There is no one walking around on two feet who is any clumsier than I but I never felt any concern about falling when I ran by boat while standing. On the contrary, whenever I encountered rough seas or wakes from large boats I would simply bend my knees to absorb the shock and keep on going.

Naturally if you feel uncomfortable running a boat in this manner, don't do it. But if you are tired of your fanny taking a beating and your spinal column being compressed every time your tin boat hits a wave you may want to try running your boat while standing.

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OLD GASOLINE

I received a call from a reader who takes exception to my advice on disposing of old gas left in a tank. I suggested burning the fuel through the motor but be sure to run it through a separator filter as well as the regular gas filter on the engine.

The reader feels this procedure could cause engine damage if the fuel had deteriorated during storage and recommends disposing of the old gas. The problem with throwing the fuel away is finding a place that will accept it. You cannot dump it out on the ground and your local garbage person is not going to take it along with the kitchen scraps. You will have to locate a business that can handle this type of waste and make arrangements to dump your fuel using their procedures.

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and expertise to pump out your tank is Grigco Used Oil Service in Dover, Delaware, phone 302-734-3340. A spokesman for this firm told me they can come to you if your boat is in a marina or you can trailer your boat to their plant. There are similar firms located in other states and you can find them listed in the Yellow Pages under Oils-Waste.

The folks at Grigco also perform preventive maintenance on large diesel powered boats. They will vacuum out the tank, replace the fuel filters and generally clean out the entire fuel system. This service should be performed each year.

They have also been called to pump gasoline out of the tanks on diesel boats. It seems that some attendants at the fuel docks put gas into the tank on a diesel boat. No major accidents have occured to date but it pays to keep an eye on what they are pumping into your boat so these people don't have to pump it back out.

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MORE LORAN

It seems we get more questions about Loran than any other piece of boating equipment. We try to answer with the best information available but sometimes you may need more. The best source for information about your particular Loran unit is the company that made it. Most manufacturers provide a phone number where you can reach a service man during normal working hours. Before you call be certain you know the model and serial number of your unit and have a fair idea what your problem involves. Try to be as specific as possible and keep your instruction manual close by.

I recently received a note in the mail from Bennett Marine Video, 730 Washington Street, Marina Del Ray, California 90292. They have produced two video tapes that might help you understand more about navigation and Loran. One is titled Navigation With Loran C and the other is Basic Navigation and Rules of the Road. The tapes are available in VHS and Beta. To find out prices or local outlets you can drop them a note or call 213-821-3329.

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LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

We would like to see the Dock Lines column become a two way communication service. While we welcome any and all questions concerning boating we also welcome helpful suggestions from our readers. Perhaps you have solved a difficult installation problem for a specific piece of equipment or found a product that has been particularly useful in cleaning your boat. Whatever it is if you feel it could be helpful to other boater-fishermen let us know and we will pass on the information. Write me at The Fisherman's Maryland Office, 138 Kirkcaldy Dr., Elkton, MD 21921.

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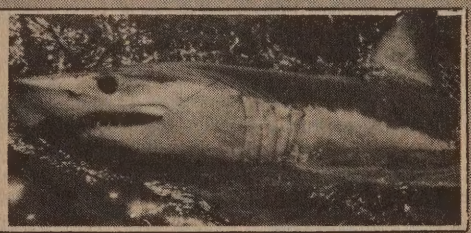

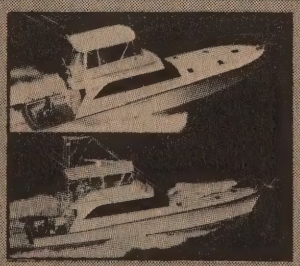

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UNDERSTANDING ALGAE BLOOMS

by John Tiedemann

Phytoplankton are responsible for primary production in the marine environment. Fueled by sunlight and fertilizing nutrients, these microscopic plants produce their own food through photosynthesis and represent the first link in the marine food chain.

The phytoplankton consists primarily of marine algae known as diatoms and dinoflagellates. Usually only one or a few species are markedly abundant at one time, and the dominant species change during the course of the year and may change from one year to the next. This species succession is governed by several factors, including light, temperature, nutrient levels, currents, weather conditions and grazing pressure.

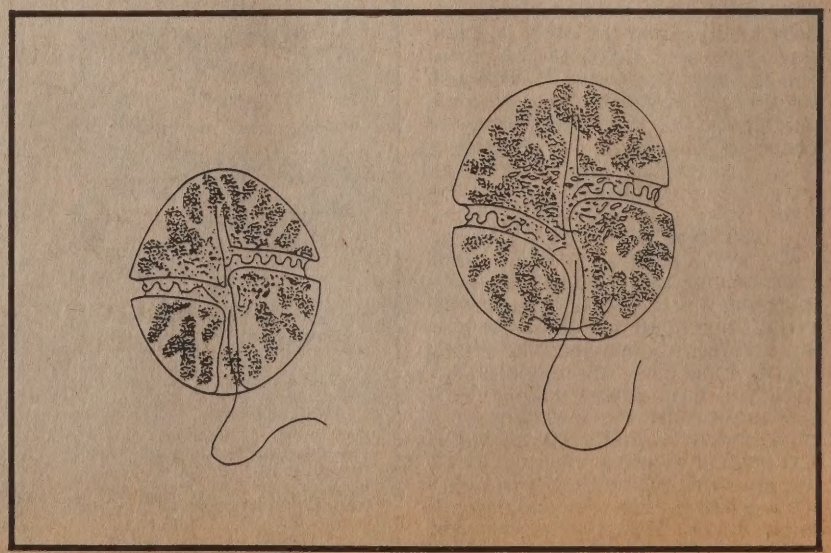
In regions like the New York Bight, phytoplankton populations experience seasonal fluctuations. Generally populations reach lowest levels in winter in response to low temperatures, light intensity and nutrient availability. In the spring conditions become more favorable to plankton production and by late spring and into the summer certain species may cover extensive areas reaching what is known as "bloom" conditions.

During past summers, phytoplankton blooms have been responsible for extensive areas of discolored water off the New Jersey coast. These blooms frequently developed in the early summer and persisted well into September.

The primary reason for concern about algal blooms is the diminished aesthetic value of the coastal waters. However, reports have also indicated that bathing in bloom affected waters has, at times, resulted in a number of skin reactions and respiratory complaints. During some blooms, bathers have experienced symptoms including nausea, sore throat, eye irritation, fatigue, dizziness, fever and lung congestion. Other times individuals were affected by odors associated with the decomposing algae which produce hydrogen sulfide gas (smelling like rotten eggs!).

Another reason for concern is that within planktom blooms most of the dissolved oxygen in the water can be consumed as a result of their own rapid metabolism. Phytoplankters are relatively short-lived and populations can go through many generations within a period of a few days. Low dissolved oxygen levels create a stressed environment for marine organisms. In fact, at least a half dozen incidences of kills of mussels, clams and crabs have been documented in the New York Bight concurrent with algal blooms since the 1950s. The summer of 1976 saw a "worst case" manifestation of this scenario resulting in a major coastal fish kill.

Fish avoidance may also be a result of these algal blooms. When finfish



Algae Blooms are caused by the overabundance of marine algae known as diatoms and dinoflagellates.

initially detect the stress of low oxygen conditions, they will move offshore seeking more oxygen rich water, thus fishing activity can be disrupted within areas of heavy plankton growth.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) monitor the development and extent of annual marine phytoplankton blooms along the New Jersey coast. Depending on the dominant species, bloom conditions have been referred to as red tides, brown tides, and more recently green tides. According to the NJDEP, since 1968 several different species have been responsible for New Jersey's red tides. Although the red tides off New Jersey are not the acutely toxic variety like those occurring in New England or Florida waters, concern exists over possible impacts to marine resources as well as public health. Frequently other blooms not producing conspicuous water coloration have become evident when the algae decompose and wash onto the beach as an unaesthetic, flocculent mass strongly resembling sewage.

Although plankton blooms vary in color, 1984 and 1985 featured the first extensive green tides on record. The green tide was unusual in that it was most extensive in southern waters (into Cape May County); but it was far more widespread, being reported from Long Island to Delaware, and it persisted from mid-August into mid-September.

In response to the potential problems associated with recurrence of these coastal blooms, the NJDEP, US EPA and NMFS have developed a cooperative study strategy to intensively investigate the causes of these plankton blooms and better monitor any detrimental effects they may have on the marine resources of the New York Bight.

In order to aid these agencies in their ability to sample the New York Bight waters more extensively, the New Jersey Sea Grant Extension Service has initiated a Phytoplankton Monitoring Program. This program consists of volunteers who will report visual observations and collect water samples if they encounter areas of heavy algal growth offshore. This program serves two major purposes:

- it allows New York Bight phytoplankton monitoring to cover a wide geographic area, especially waters greater than 3 miles offshore; and
- it allows recreational fishermen to participate in monitoring a problem that has the potential to directly impact their fishing activities.

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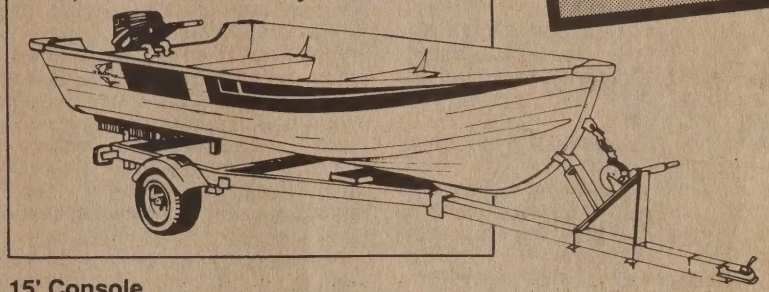

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BAITFISHING FOR THE BEACHBOUND

by William A. Muller

In the last six to eight years, baitfishing for bluefish has become very, very popular. There's good reasons for this, and the best of these reasons is that often big bluefish can be culled from surf that is calm and clean as a whistle. Often bright sun doesn't stop the action either. Good results with bass under conditions of no surf, no wind, and bright sun are far less likely.

Anyway, with all these big blues around, more and more of us are breaking out the wire leader float rigs and the big pyramid sinkers. We also go to great lengths for our bait supply too. I've been known to lurk at the dark doorways of fish stores for a few small skinny, but fresh mackerel. Then there are the closet midnight shifters. These are fellas who appear otherwise normal. They'll spend the better part of the evening with their wives and children, they'll watch television, or read the newspaper. But when midnight comes and the tide is right, they will sneak out of the house to where the boats moor, or a backwater pier, or that special spot way back in the bay where freshwater from a lake empties into the bay.

There they can be found with large rods and an odd piece of tackle hanging and twisting in the slight breeze: the treble snatch. Here they will attempt to snag fresh bunker for tomorrow's attack against the blues.

Of course, there is humor in almost everything, if you look for it; and, too, there is humor in all of us. We are known to do some strange things to catch a fish or two in the surf. Yet, the important thing is that we are having fun.

Although I'll be the first to admit that I am not the world's most accomplished bait fisherman, I have gotten to the point of more or less knowing what I'm doing. It is in this capacity as a journeyman that I will pass on to you some observations about baitfishing. Some may be helpful, some may be useless, and some may make a smile or two trace across your face.

I've tried to watch what other people do, both those who succeed and those who don't. I did this knowing that the time must come after the fishing season is over when I will have to sit before this typewriter and put together a few words to own up to my assignments. I actually took notes and could be found running back to my buggy now and again to jot something down. I must have looked silly, but ideas have a way of slipping away as we all know.

Let's start with something that those who succeed seem to do often. They read the water. They don't just start fishing where everybody else is fishing. They watch the surf and look for the white water that reveals the shallow bars and points. They find the calm water that is indicative of deeper holes and troughs. They watch for up to 15 minutes and then move themselves into a position to fish a spot that looks good. In daylight, they often settle for the deeper water spots.

A second thing these sharpies do is to throw out a piece of bait and let it sit. So what, you say! Let's consider the process by which a fish will pick up a bait and allow you to catch it. Remember, this is not generally blitz fishing. If it were, you probably could catch them on tins and plugs. Instead, this is "pick" fishing. The baited hook sits out there giving off oils and odors. Somewhere within a quarter of a mile or so a big blue picks up the weak scent and begins to follow it to its source. The surf fisherman who casts out and then reels it in after just a few minutes, will pull that bait out of the water just as the blue gets close. Many of these anglers are worried about crabs. Sure, use a cork which will keep the bait off the bottom and away from crabs. There are, however, days when crabs are fearless and will swim off the bottom to get at baits.

A good way to get a handle on the crab situation is to reel in your rig after the first cast in about 15 minutes. If your bait is clean, you can relax; the crab situation will likely be minimal. If the bait is still there but chewed on, you'll need to check your bait every half hour or so. If your bait is gone, you'll need to check it every 10 minutes. Be alert, because these initial conditions can change during the course of your fishing outing and you'll need to adjust if it does.

Generally, if there are some fish around, the crabs will dig into the

A hefty blue that succumbed to bait is led up the beach.

sand and will not be a huge problem. Under such conditions leave the bait sit for as long as you think it is still on the hook. If the bait is either fresh or quality frozen, it will continue to give off oils and odors for a long time, allowing the fish to find their way to the bait.

Try not to be fooled by the roll of the waves over your line. I've noticed a lot of fishermen striking at nothing when a wave rolls on the line, or the receding wave pulls sharply on the bait. Try not to confuse these events with the pick-up of a fish. A blue will hit three different ways. First, there is the express train pick-up in which all of a sudden your rod is being yanked out of your hands. Second, there is the hit-and-run maneuver. The fish picks up the bait, you feel a tug, then slack, then tug, then slack. These alternations of pull and slack occur quickly unlike the rise and fall of the waves. The second, is the dislodge attack. In this approach the blue picks up the bait causing the sinker to dislodge and up to 10 feet of slack must be reeled up. When you catch up to the fish you'll find it is either gone or chewing happily on your bait. If it's gone, reel in and re-bait. If it is chewing, wait for the tug and strike.

Another observation I've made this year is the old cast and reel in a few feet syndrome. If after you cast out, your rig doesn't hold bottom, reel in and put on a bigger sinker. Generally, 5 and 6 ounces are standard; 6 more often than 5. Don't even try with 4 unless there is absolutely no current or wave action. When you cast out, give the line some slack for 15 to 30 seconds to relieve the stress on the line and allow the sinker to settle in the sand. Now, reel in the slack until the line is taut. Do not check to see if your sinker is still attached by pulling sharply in a few feet. It's there!

You really and truly want to do everything you can not to dislodge your sinker once it has found a home. A lot of fishermen jerk the rod back, dislodge the sinker, reel in 5 to 10 feet. They do this every couple of minutes and very shortly their sinker and rig are right in on the beach. We go through so much trouble to get that bait way, way out there, once you succeed, leave it there!

Finally, for now anyway, hold your rod. Sure, we all spike it from time to time, but holding that rod really gives you an edge. When fish are picky, they often mouth a bait so lightly that it goes unnoticed when a rod is spiked. Yet, if you hold the rod, you'll feel it. Then you can drop the tip and give the fish some slack. This approach often encourages the blue to start to swim off with the bait; that changes the angle of the hook in the fish's mouth, and this change allows you to sink the hook. The spiked rod will end up with a bare hook, while the fella who holds the rod may end up with a fish.

Good luck to all of us and may these big blues run our beaches until the end of time.

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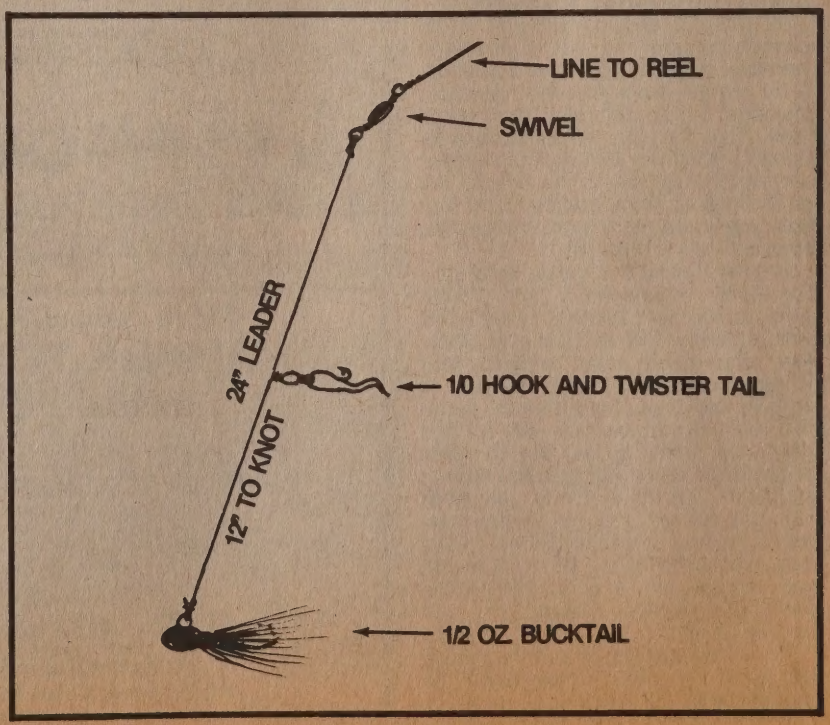
DOUBLE UP ON FLUKE

by Dick Mermon

The Doublemint chewing gum commercial which appears on television quite often has always intrigued me with their slogan of "doubling your pleasure." With this in mind, there is a way to "double your pleasure" when fluke fishing. While the chewing gum manufacturer titillates the palate of humans, summer flatfish fans find their pleasure with a secondary hook, or lure.

There are several schemes which I have found effective for attaching a second hook when employing artificial lures. Bucktails, through the years, have been by far one of the most serviceable counterfeit baits used for shallow water fluke fishing, particularly in the bays. Customarily, these lures range in sizes from 1/4 to 3/4 ounces in weight, depending upon tidal current and water depth, and are fished individually. However, this is where the gum commercial slogan comes to light. By tying an 8 inch length of 20 pound test monofilament leader into a 1/8 ounce bucktail and then again onto the hook of the heavier, main bucktail, results in the simplest of double-hook pleasure rigs. This system could be classified as a "stinger hook," but on an extended leader, it will occasionally account for two fish on the same line.

Another unsophisticated combination is to place a second hook directly onto the leader, ahead of the main bucktail. The line from the rod and reel is tied to the top eye of a medium swivel and a 20 pound, 2 foot leader is fastened to the bottom eye. The leader's end then accepts the heavier bucktail, but instead of securing another hair lure on the leader, a single 1/0 hook of any covering is looped about 12 inches above the main artificial. Fluke, once established in the bays are highly receptive to action style lures which resemble forage such as killies, sand eels, white bait, spearing, or sand and grass shrimp. With the addition of a small white, green, or yellow Mister Twister Tail to the bare hook, it will often receive a strike before the bucktail does.



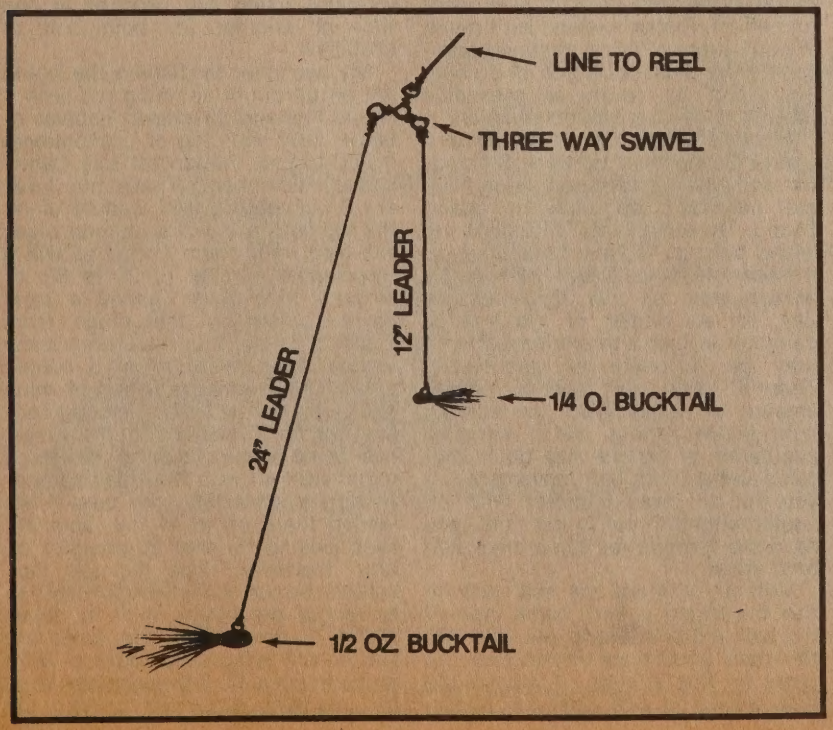
A slightly more complicated technique is with the use of two bucktails on separate leaders. One method which has proved successful in the past is tied with a three-way swivel to the end of the line. One eye of the swivel accepts a 2 foot leader and a 1/2 ounce bucktail. The swivel's remaining eye receives a shorter length of similar weight leader and supports a 1/4 ounce bucktail, or even smaller if so desired. The reason for this hair lure to be lighter than the first, is to prevent tangles when casting and retrieving. A smaller lure swings away from the long leader during a cast and remains that way as both are bounced along bottom.

The other procedure which incorporates the use of a three-way swivel, is to apply the same leader length as previously mentioned for the heavier bottom bucktail and a short, 8 inch, 50 pound test leader for the lighter bucktail. The heavy monofilament is affixed to the swivel's eye and then a lightweight bucktail fastened on its end. The stout leader, if knotted correctly to the swivel's eye, allows the lure to protrude out away from the longer leader. The approach can also be with a hook adorned with a Mister Twister Tail.

Even though the deertail hair jig has been a steadfast lure for many fluke anglers, including myself, there are several artificials which occasionally produce far better. This past year, I discovered Mann's Sting Ray Grubs and Mister Twister Shrimp Tails were extremely effective when fished in the bay along the dropoffs of Reynolds Channel and Long Creek. The fluke, on outgoing tide, would station themselves along the 4 and 6 foot depth ledges, devouring shrimp which were being carried off the sand bars and shallows towards the inlet. Soft plastic lures, in dark colors of green, smoke and amber were their favorite on bright sunny days, although they changed their diet color preference to white, pearl or yellow on overcast days. These lures were more vivid in the water when there was no sun. These soft artificials, in a double-rig system, continuously outproduced regular bucktails as well as natural baits such as killies or squid strips. One primary reason for the high yield of fluke on the synthetic lures over natural offerings was the lack of interest the crabs had in them. Squid strips and killies emit an aroma which the marauding crabs find difficult to pass up, while the pliable lures, even with scent applied, are pretty much left alone for the fluke.

Two major characteristics fluke anglers should consider with these double-rig systems are weed control and fish productivity. With a single bucktail, weeds such as eel grass or green cabbage can cover the artificial totally, rendering it useless as an offering. Even if dressed with a squid strip or a killie, the lure is refused. But, when there are two lures being presented and one becomes concealed in grass, the other is free for the job intended. Furthermore, the swivel at the top usually gathers most of the weed first, leaving the artificial free of vegetation.

Some of these double-fluke rigs are similar to the system surf anglers employ called the "dropper fly" method. There, too, when a fish refuses one size offering, the smaller is accepted. A double-rig scheme was not developed as a fish-hog system, but merely an advanced technique that increases results. Anything that can "double your pleasure" in the fishing game, is worth a try in my book.



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FISHER'S ISLAND: WHERE THE ACTION IS

by Tim Coleman

Fourteen years ago it was time to realize a boyhood ambition to live and work near some of the better bass holes on the New England Coast. After leaving the University of Rhode Island with a journalism degree, The Fisherman magazine and I found ourselves working in Mystic, Ct., while I found a house in Westerly, R.I. Among the many places to explore were the Watch Hill Reefs, the famous rips of the Race and the oceanside of Fisher's Island, some of the best casting water you'll find.

Over the years much was written about the famous bass islands like Cuttyhunk and the Vineyard while Fisher's has been relegated to somewhat lesser status. But, if you talk to the steadies you'll find Fisher's Island was the scene of some extremely good fishing during the most recent heyday of the striped bass, the early to mid 70s. Besides the quantity of fish, some of the striper hit the 55 to 65 plus range; some of the fish were likely world record opportunities. As with other famous bass hideouts from Wicopsset Island to Old Silas Rock in the Sluiceway, I suspect some of the Fishers Island regulars fought and lost battles with fish in excess of 70 pounds.

Today, however, most of the live bait fleet of the 70s is gone, having taken up other pursuits since the moratoriums and no sale laws went into effect. Fisher's Island isn't gone; it's still there offering angling opportunities for those willing to take a boat out along its south or oceanside looking to catch a bass or bluefish.

Fisher's Island lies off the eastern end of Connecticut between Stonington and New London separated from the mainland by Fisher's Island Sound. By some twist in history the island belongs to New York State so it's possible, since New York recently went to one fish over 33 inches per day, for an angler or his son or daughter to keep a trophy bass should they be fortunate to catch one. There's also an ever-increasing amount of school bass, perfect for light tackle fishing and a summer population of various size blues that come and go with bait movements. If you put all three together with an angler willing to put in his time, you have the formula for some enjoyable time afloat.

Without a doubt the best way to fish the island is with some type of live bait. If that interests you, look into the many articles we've run over the years on this subject. If you're the type willing to cast lures (an honorable pastime, though no competition for a wiggling pogy), then read on. All locations listed will produce at one time or another for both bait or artificials.

My two loves for fishing the island are an ultralight spinning rod with 4 pound line and three inch Rapalas or heavy duty spinning or conventional suited to toss the largest size Danny surface swimmers. These big lures are 8 inches long and waddle along the top with a V wake. Jumbo blues will try to bite them in half as will a respectable number of 20 to 35 lb. stripers. I've never landed a truly monster fish on the plugs from Fisher's Island, but have seen some Toyota sized swirls from a couple areas. One evening a friend of mine had a nice fish at Wreck Island knock the plug completely out of the water.

A usual evening behind the island might start off with the small spinner trying for schoolies. Last season we landed them up to 11 lbs. and will keep looking for that 20 pounder on four. However, once the sun dips behind the rim of the land it's time to bring out the heavy stuff in hopes Mama is home. The big lures are particularly effective on days of calm to moderate surf. If the weather is up and pounding, don't look for me or my

little boat back there. Keep the retrieve of the plug steady for the most, but once during each retrieve come back hard on the rod to make the lure splash water. Sometimes, when a finicky fish has swirled once but will not come back, this maneuver makes up her mind.

If you have some time on your hands that night you just might bring along a bucket of live eels. If you've marked a spot with big fish at sunset, go back in there after dark with the live bait. You'll probably have to work your way through the blues as they whack the eels into cigar butts, but the fishermen who persists will catch some large blues and a yearly score of larger bass.

You can fish behind the island from the end of May right through sometime in November and reasonably expect a chance at a good fish. My own timetable calls for fishing the island about mid to end of June through the end of September. Before and after that is time for bass in other areas. People lucky enough to live on the island start catching schoolies sometime between the beginning of May and the full moon. Some are still going towards the moon in November.

As one looks over the chart of the oceanside of Fishers you'll see any number of shoreline nooks and crannies that might hold fish. To help out people who want to fish in the 1980s when one fish per trip is the rule, the following is a rundown of some of the better holes on the island's south shore.

Number One: East Point. Down on the eastern tip you'll see a real live castle that used to belong to the family who owned Simmons Mattresses. As you approach the castle from the east, take a moment to see a couple large boulders awash. On the last hour or so of the incoming tide and sometimes into slack water we've had fish here. One night I flipped a swimmer in there to have a true jumbo get off after wrenching hooks I felt were impregnable. One note of caution: on the strength of the incoming, the tide screams through here so until you get the lay of the land, the slower tides are easier to fish and much safer.

Number Two: White House. As you motor to the west along the first third of the shore you'll notice a white house on a bluff just to the east of Wreck Island. Here's another place we've had action while casting; this includes some teen sized blues on quiet nights. Make sure you pitch the lures right up into the stones.

Number Three: Wreck Island. Off the west of the island is a finger of sunken rocks that juts out in roughly a north to south line. On the seaward edge of the rocks is a large sunken boulder that breaks in all but the calmest weather. We call your attention to the seaward edge of the rock as some nice fish have come out of that locale. If you find yourself in this section as the sun drops behind the land it might be wise to anchor up a bit uptide and offshore to toss swimmers into the swirls made by waves breaking over the boulder. Sometimes the fish will not show until last light or thereafter. If sunset is at 8PM, the next hour to hour and a half is prime time.

Number Four: Barley Field Cove. Boat fishermen might do well to concentrate on the apex of the rocks that form a rough semi-circle around the cove. Right off the point of the rocks is one place I've seen some large fish come up for a look at the Big Danny. Larger blues sometimes prowl here and will gladly eat the small Rapala is thrown their way. If you find bait concentrated here but don't do anything that evening, try coming back at daybreak for a possible pleasant surprise.

Number Five: Gatanby Rocks. The water here is as fishy as one could want, even on some days when you hit slack water on the month's slower tides. Try casting either size lure into the front of the rocks jutting out or into the formations that dot the shoreline just to the west. People with

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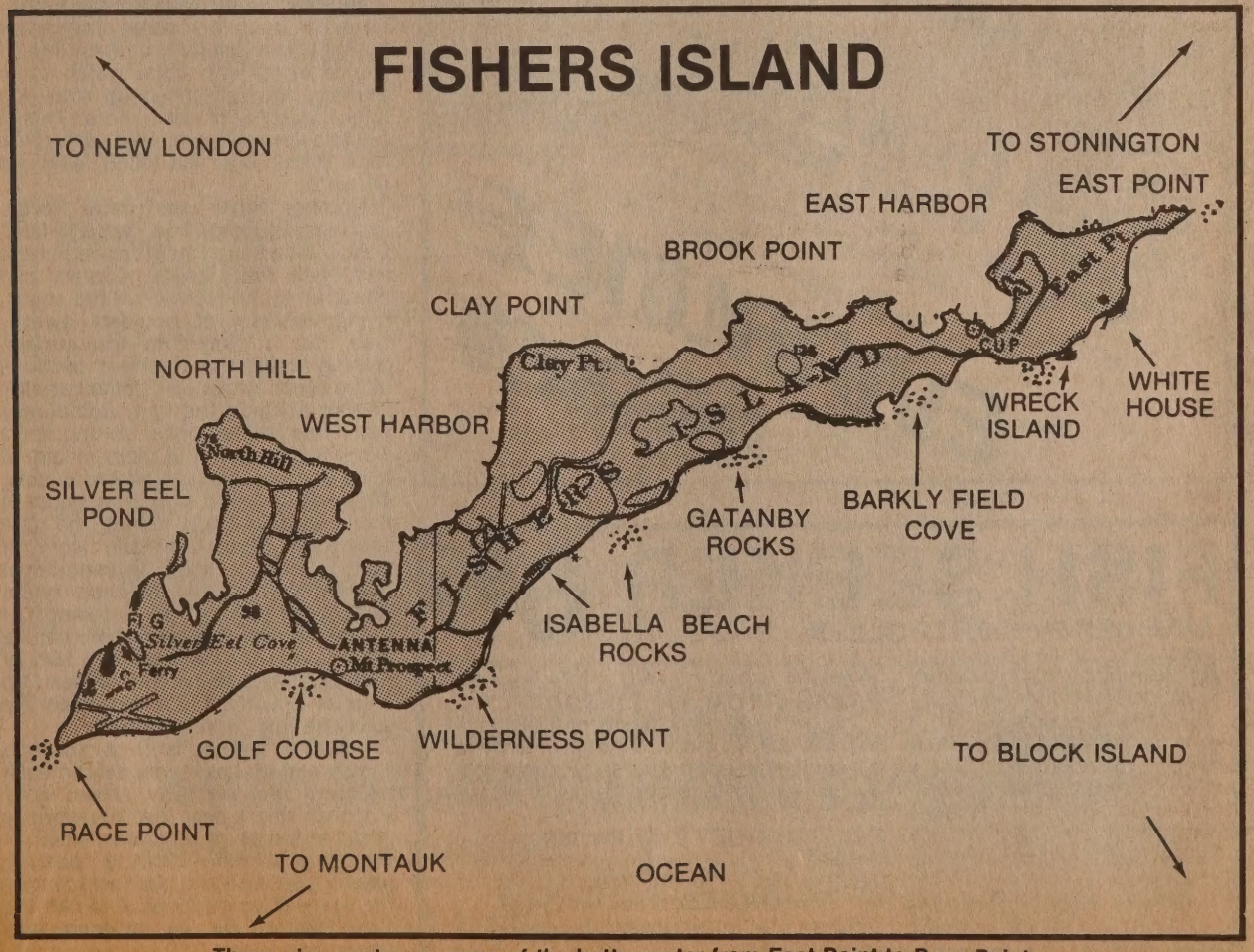

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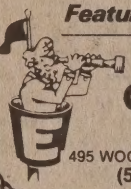

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Number Seven: Wilderness Point. The rocks just below the point are choice holding areas as is the corner where the shoreline bends back in toward the island. If you've got a southwest breeze with incoming tide I'd very much recommend you make more than one toss with the big swimmer right at the corner. The area off Wilderness, in the better days of bass fishing, was frequented by one of the finest anglers I ever had the pleasure to speak with. He lived in Narragansett and fished the waters from Cuttyhunk to the Sluiceway in a 16', red Starcraft. People who've fished awhile know who I mean.

Number Eight: Golf Course Rocks. Not as productive as some other areas but they hold fish from time to time. If you're faced with calm water some evening with an incoming tide you might lay off and cast in here. This is a shallower spot compared with other rock piles, but the sand eels do gather.

Number Nine: Race Point Rocks. On the outgoing tide, waters from Long Island Sound swirl between here and Race Point Light. Casters can motor up to the rocks from the south, being watchful of boulders awash, then flip a plug into the current coming across the shallower sections of the point. Blues with some bass lay in wait to catch the bait. Sometimes you'll see charter boats trolling short wires just outside the rocks in the 15 to 18 foot depths just off the stones. This same range was also good at times for small boat fishing the tube and worm combo. People leery of their outdrives should investigate at low water some calm day, then try the last couple hours of the outgoing. At times the bluefish casting here can be quite good with various size fish at different times of the year. When this area is crashing, it's no place for someone just getting started.

Fisher's Island isn't a location where a 50 lb. bass lurks behind each boulder. It's like any other rocky stopover where bass and blues move about in search of a summer meal. If you give it more than a passing glance, you'll be in a position to enjoy the fruits of your labors. The fish are there waiting for you to come find them.

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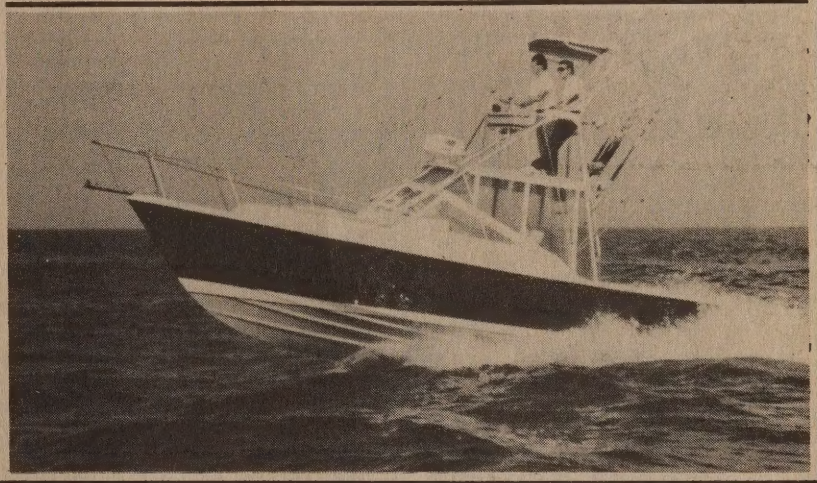

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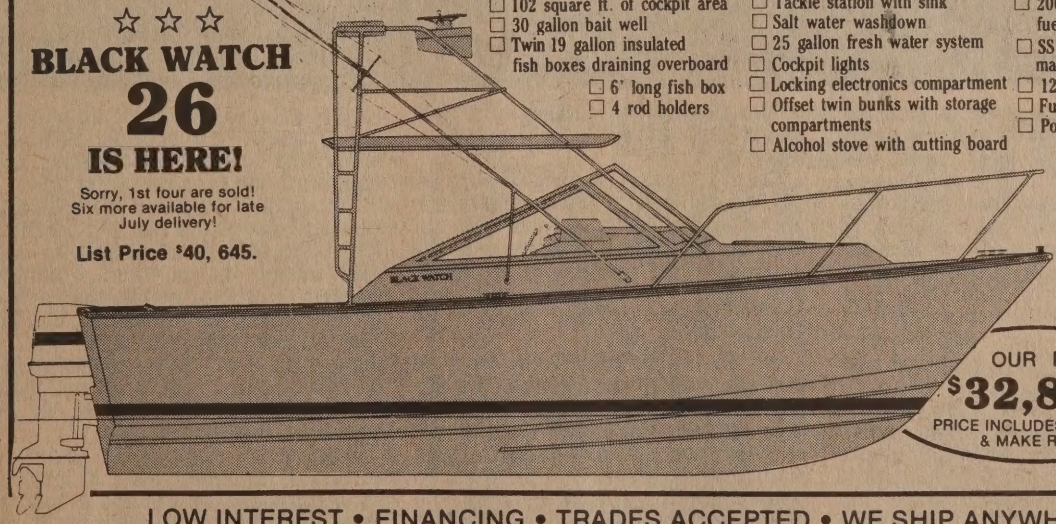

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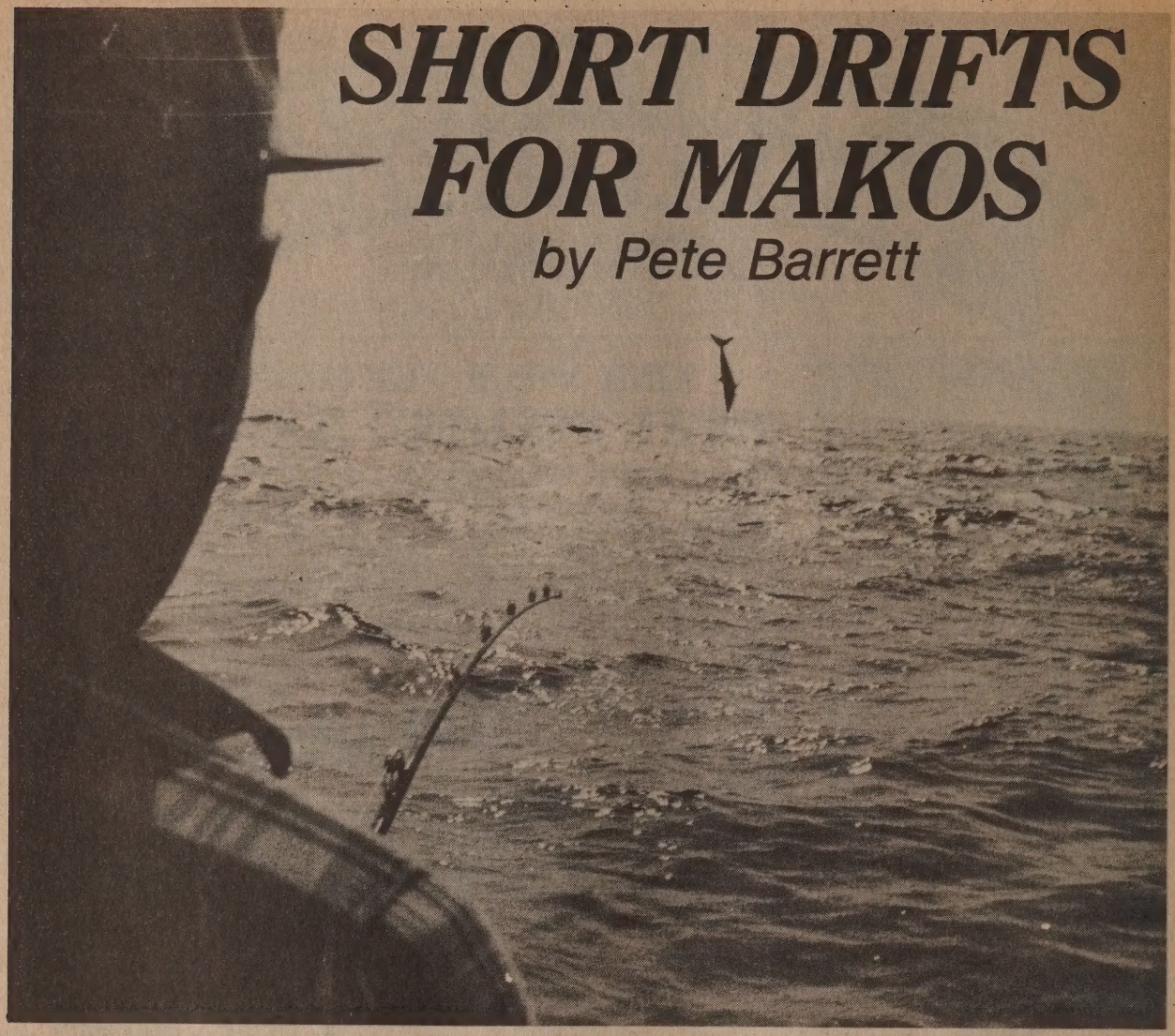

The day was becoming a disaster! What started out to be a casual day of sharking with my wife, Linda, was rapidly becoming an exasperating experience. There were three shark tournaments being held that Saturday, so I guess I had no one to blame but myself. Every single spot I wanted to try already had at least one boat already in place with a chum slick going. Two spots had several boats ganged up so close together it was like a carnival.

I was ready to call it quits and turn our attention to bluefish when I decided to try one small, narrow 20 fathom hole that might be uncrowded. Luckily there was only one other boat working that hole and it was a good half mile away from where I set up the first of the chum slick.

It was a warm, relaxing day and Linda and I were having a good time just enjoying the sun and talking about things and making some plans. The Loran and recorder confirmed that we were about to drift over the edge of the dropoff into the hole. Within minutes, the close-in rod had a runoff and Linda soon traded home decorating plans with ideas on how to stay in the boat with a 200 pound tiger shark yanking hard on the end of the line.

On the 30 pound tackle we were using, the fish put up a nice fight and in about 20 minutes the leader was cut after we took a few snapshots of the unusually vivid splotchy markings on this tiger. The tagging card and photos were all we needed to remember this fish.

As we drifted across the deep of the hole, no other runoffs gave us any excitement, but within less than an hour of the first shark we did get another shot. This fish proved to be a small brown shark of less than 50 pounds and it, too, was released. The action occurred just as we drifted up the sloping edge from the deep hole up onto the high edge.

The chart showed that we would drift over flat, fishless grounds for several miles if the wind kept pushing us in the same direction. Rather than risk no further action, I broke the slick and ran back to the Loran TDs where we started our drift about two hours earlier. This time I stopped a bit closer to the edge of the drop into the hole.

The slick was barely a half mile in length when we had the third shark, a dusky about 150 pounds. A fourth shark, this time another sandbar, was caught on the far side of the hole.

Once again we broke the slick and headed back to the starting position. We made four short drifts that day, each about an hour and a half in length over a hole no more than a mile wide. The total catch was six sharks. The largest was the tiger and although we didn't score with a mako on that trip, the action was reasonably fast and furious, so we had some real fun.

Later at the dock as we fueled up we were surprised by the lack of sharks caught in the local tournament. We didn't say anything about our day; no one likes to hear about someone else's good catch when they just spent over $500 in entry fees, fuel and chum and came up empty.

For a long time I believed the chum slick was almost sacred; something never to be broken until it was time to head home at the end of the day. Since that first casual introduction to the potential of short drifting, I've tried it on many other occasions and it can pay off in spades on many days.

I talked with a shark fisherman who attended a recent seminar program. He, too, had some good experiences by short drifting and I enjoyed swapping notes with him. His technique was to mark the wreck with a buoy and then make several drifts directly over the wreck and also in nearby areas. The chum slick was light and he chunked with pieces of mackerel or bunker as he drifted to attract a fast response from the sharks. Ed's largest shark last season was a 410 pound mako caught on a short drift pattern.

There are lots of small areas along the cost that are well suited to short drifting. Many shark fishermen trace over the pale gray bottom contour lines printed on their navigational charts to get a better picture of what the offshore structure really looks like. The small holes, lumps and sloughs will clearly show up after being enhanced with a Magic Marker.

Once you've identified the structure, calculate the starting position Loran TDs and set up the boat on the up-wind side of the structure and drift across it. Depending on the size of the structure and the speed of the drift, it may be possible to make three to six drifts in a day of sharking.

This technique is especially helpful on shark tournament weekends when there are literally hundreds of boats on the grounds. Short drifting allows you to pick a spot that may be overlooked by other boats so that particular structure isn't so crowded. This lack of competition can oftenmake a big difference in the success of the day. If there are 10 boats in an area where 10 sharks are cruising, perhaps the 10 boats will each catch one shark. Get on a small piece of structure where they may only have half the number of sharks but no other boats and you may get all five fish to yourself.

Shark fishermen of Maryland and Virginia often anchor on good shark areas and have some excellent results. I've tried anchoring off our coast with mixed results. One of my best mako days with three fish being brought to boat, plus several other sharks, happened while anchored in the center of several lumps. Another good day occurred while anchored at the edge of a steep dropoff into a 40 fathom hole when we caught over two dozen blue sharks and one mako.

If you plan to try anchoring it would be wise to set up in a position that would be upwind of the rest of the shark fishing fleet so they drift away from, not into you. Other boats would be less than enthusiastic if you anchored in the path of the drift pattern.

Short drifting can pay off and it is one technique I use several times each shark season to avoid crowded areas. It also gives me the chance to work a productive area repeatedly to increase the number of chances for hook-ups. Hopefully one or two of the day's runoffs will be makos and we'll get some action with these high flyers.

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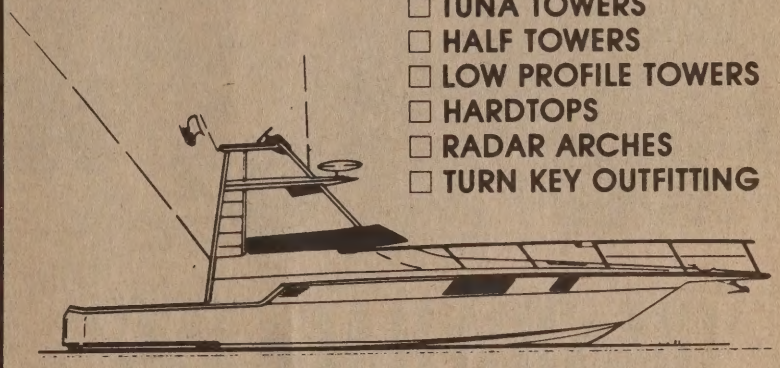

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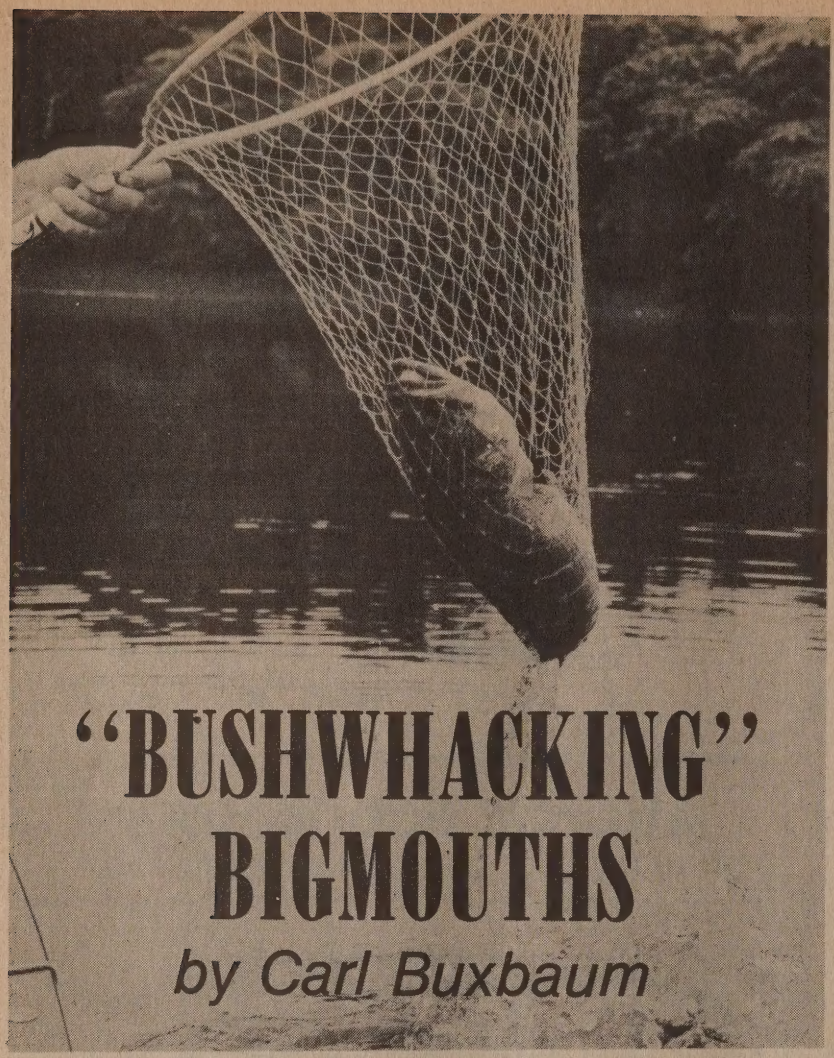

"BUSHWHACKING" BIGMOUTHS

by Carl Buxbaum

When memories of the last largemouth you caught grow dim, you itch to renew the experience, you need a booster shot. That's why so many anglers jump the gun of bass season's opening day and fish for yellow perch with big spinnerbaits and plastic worms, or any lure known to attract bass more than other species.

But I had this nagging feeling that there was something wrong with preseason bassing. This uneasiness was justified when I read an article (can't quite remember where) arguing that the practice probably interfered wtih spawning success. Concerned about future largemouth stocks, I started waiting for opening day and contented myself with trout and pickerel, while praying for weakfish to show up in the surf.

The certainty of finding bass in the inshore shallows is gone, I found, by the time June rolls around—sometimes you hit them, sometimes you don't. It varies from year to year, depending on the weather I guess. But in any case, I began thinking of June bass fishing as a crap shoot.

Then I learned that the conventional wisdom about big bass migrating to deep water sanctuaries after abandoning the shallows applied mainly to lakes that had an abundance of permanent, deep water cover. Yet there is little permanent cover in the natural lakes, ponds, and small impoundments I usually fish. The primary cover in those waters is temporary; it is submerged weeds, which remain sparse and underveloped before being jolted alive by the long, warm days of summer. So where do natural waters and old, small impoundment resident lunkers go?

The water levels of Long Island's bass holes were unusually high in the spring of 1984. That's when I discovered that bass will seek cove wherever it is, even if it's only in a few inches of water.

Though I usually fish Hempstead Lake from shore, wearing only short boots at most, that June the surrounding trees were standing in over a foot of water. Waders were required just to pass through the trees and find some open casting space. And it was while sloshing between the trees that I saw where all the bass went: they were among the trunks, nearly at my feet. In fact, you could almost step on them. I battled many good bass by wading to unobstructed water and casting back into the tree trunks.

With the best June bass most often in the healthiest bushes, a few fishing friends and myself set out to refine tactics for working shoreline brush—and we eventually wound up joking about bushwhacking, because we were most successful only after actually whacking the bushes with our lures. The discovery was purely accidental, though it would be nice to lie and say how smart we were.

At first we cast floating minnow plugs, like the Rapala, as close as possible to the brush. Side-arm casts were good for getting under overhanging branches and tight to the cover. Repeatedly twitching a plug and letting it sit in its own circles drew a good number of bass out to the edge of the thick stuff. And we nailed a real brute every so often.

But as might be expected, no matter how hard we tried to cast accuratey—those treble hooks were very unforgiving—the minnow plugs wound up hanging in the bushes like decorations on Christmas trees about as often as they drew an assault. Each time we hung up, the spot was spoiled by yanking the lure free or going in after it. Oh, it really hurts to ruin a spot that looks super fishy.

So we switched to spinnerbaits and Texas rigged plastic worms. Both were more forgiving in that they hung up less frequently and when they did, we found it easier to nudge them free. But because spinnerbaits had to be moved too quickly for a bass to zero in on them from way back in the cover and worms were probably too quiet to draw attention from distant hideouts, neither lure seemed as effective as the Rapala type plugs. We did well with active fish that were laying in ambush at the edge of open water, yet we knew there were many more hunkered down among the roots of the umbrella-like bushes. If only the umbrellas could be penetrated...

It was a very bright, sunny afternoon—the kind that makes it feel like the back of your neck is in a broiler—and Arthur Gordon and I were somewhat discouraged with the knowledge that any self-respecting bigmouth worth catching was buried deep in the second tier of bushes, behind the reeds that ringed Fresh Pond; you could hear them flopping around. We had become pretty good at pitching weedless worms over the thinner stands of reeds and dropping them right against the submerged stems and roots of the bushes. But with nothing to show for this skill, which was already practiced too much on that day, our determination and concentration faded.

Now, without intense concentration and meticulous attention to your movements and timing, pinpoint casting gets nearly impossible. And sure enough, one of my casts sent the worm sailing over the reeds, then halfway back over a bush, where it landed in the twigs about two feet above the water.

I lifted the rod, holding it straight overhead. to keep the line high and free of the bush's tentacles. I jiggled

lightly; the bush quivered, but the worm stayed put. A hard tug, I reasoned, could go either way: the worm might flip free, or with my luck, the hook would pull through and set in fresh, durable wood. So I jiggled again. The worm simultaneously slid forward to the near side of the bush and dropped to a lower rung of twigs. The bush quivered; I jiggled the worm some more.

Many eyes must have been focused on that worm, the way it made the bush tremble and all, because the instant it hit the water—after slithering down through the last of the twigs—it was snatched.

I set fast and hauled hard, getting the fish to open water. I must have really rocked the boat on the set, because Arthur was awake again and went for the net when a fat brute rolled on the surface. But you could see that the large worm hook had a good hold on the firm flesh near the fish's left nostril. So I declined the net, played the fish out, and lipped it. She went a shade over 4 pounds on the De-liar.

The art of bushwhacking bigmouths was born. Arthur and I took a bunch of healthy bass during the rest of the afternoon; and a few of us, who fish together regularly, had equally good fortune—with a fair number of fish over 5 pounds—by beating the bushes for the rest of that June and during subsequent seasons. We think we've got the method down pat now.

First, a long rod is needed to keep line above snags and still leave some room for setting a hook. Second, it must have enough backbone to hit hard and haul a big fish out of the brush before it instinctively dives for cover and ties your line in a maze of roots and stems. How long a rod? Seven footers are best, but a 6½ footer will do fine. How much muscle? A rod rated as medium-heavy bass should be about right.

Third, given the fishing situation, you'll need fairly tough line by northern bassing standards: at least 10 pound test. Heavier is even better, but once you're into thick monofilament, start thinking about your talents with a bait casting reel. It's pretty hard to get much casting distance or accuracy with freshwater sized spinning reels and hefty line, especially when you're casting relatively light weights.

Finally, use the lightest worm weights you can get away with. When I'm using a spinning rig wth 10 pound line, I usually rely on 1/16 ounce bullet weights—sometimes, just a split shot. Why? Because a heavier lead tends to drive the worm right down through the bush, sometimes plunking straight into the roots and the line fouls in the process. You need to be able to slide a worm to the edge of the brush—then let it drop.

If you think you've lost the crap shoot as bass season opens, take a shot at beating the bushes. Odds are you'll nail some good bigmouths and a real lunker or two.

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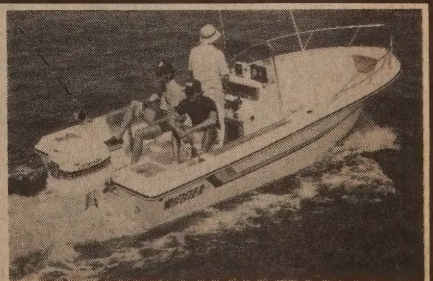

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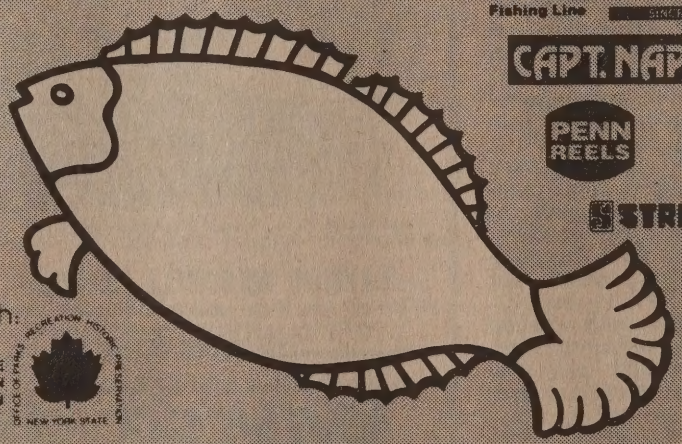

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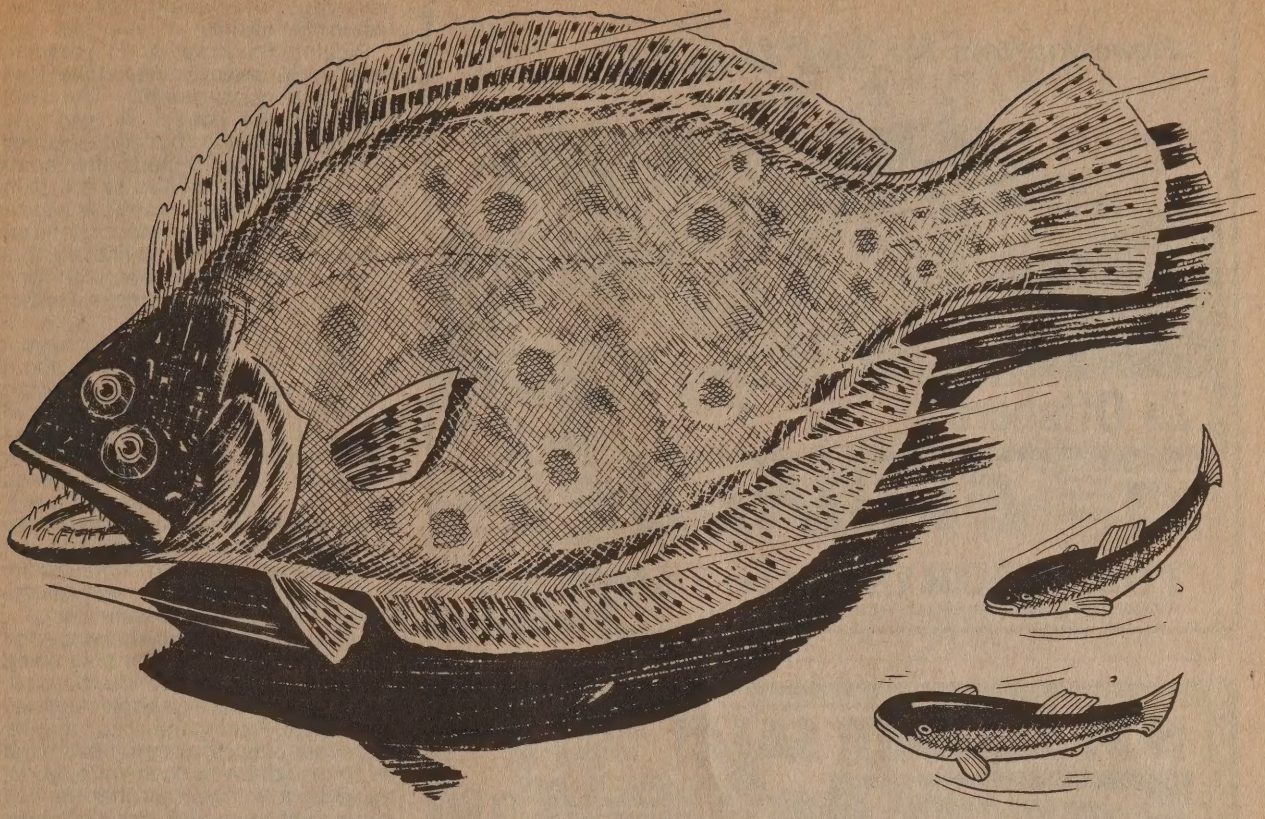

SHORE UP ON SUMMER FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

Several years ago I was fishing from a small pier near Shinnecock Inlet and had just landed an average sized fluke. As I tossed the fish into an old, discarded fish box for safe keeping, a fellow fisherman walked out on the pier.

He admired the fish. "I didn't know fluke could be caught so close to shore," he said. "I always figured a boat was necessary."

I placed a fresh strip of sea robin tail on the hook and made another cast, hoping for number two. "Sure, a boat is better," I replied. "But plenty of fluke are caught from shore all summer long."

Which, of course is true. I've seen many fluke caught from the banks of deep-water creeks, canal bulkheads, piers and jetties, and over the years I've caught my share of them. Although most keeper size fluke average about 15-16 inches, a lunker is taken occasionally. I once watched a little girl hook and, with the aid of her father, land a fluke closer to twelve pounds than it was eleven, this from Shinnecock Canal in June, a time when smaller fish predominate.

I enjoy shore fishing for fluke because it is easy fishing. And as for tackle, this depends much upon where the fishing is done. Light to medium weight spinning tackle can be used effectively in most areas. Should you be fishing near ocean inlets, medium weight gear would be the better choice. When fishing a creek or canal, or wherever tidal action is nil, the light stuff will get by without difficulty.

For light spinning tackle, a reel filled with ten pound test good quality monofilament is satisfactory. I wouldn't go below this test, though. Shore fishermen never know how big the next fluke will be...remember the little girl's fluke and be guided accordingly.

For medium weight gear where currents are stronger, 15 to 20 pound test mono is better. Not that you can expect doormats every time you fish such areas, but strong currents are notorious for dislodging copious amounts of seaweed from bottom. Occasionally this draps around the line—most often, it seems, when bringing in a fluke. Light line is likely to part under strain—and always at a crucial time. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Your reel should be of top quality. Fluke prefer a moving bait, which means you'll be doing a lot of casting and retrieving. And because this is so, your reel should be able to "take it." Shun those "Hong-Kong Specials" as you would the plague.

All successful fluke fishermen make it a point to keep their bait in motion when shore fishing (and this also applies when boat fishing). Occasionally a fluke is taken on a dead line, but this fishing method should be shunned. (At times, a "dead" line will work wonders on fluke, but rarely when shore fishing.) The successful fluke fisherman is the one who takes

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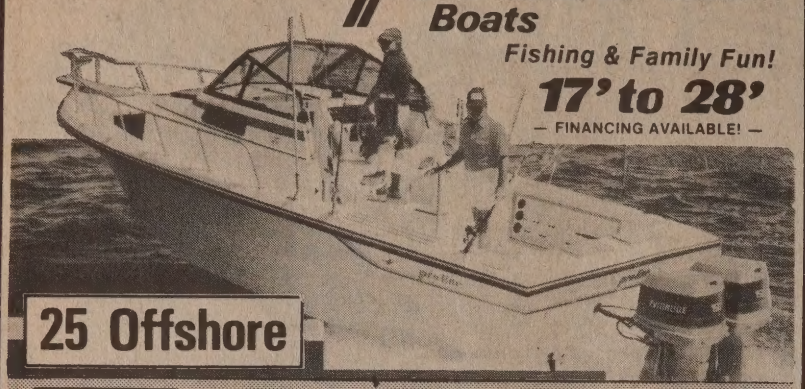
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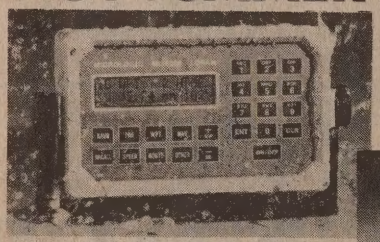
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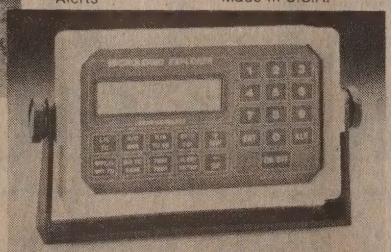
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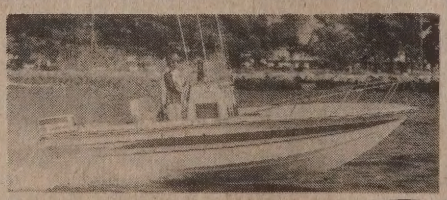
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advantage of anything that will put fish in the bucket.

Rigging for fluke is no problem-unless you overdo! Remember the sinker bouncers motto: "The less hardware, the better." A leader is always necessary, but not because fluke are shy, but because the use of a leader imparts action to the bait-especially so when live bait is used.

I like a three foot leader for fluke. Always have. If you can't find one this length, use two two-footers and slice off a bit on one end and make another loop.

A 3/0 or 4/0 Carlisle hook, commonly called the "fluke hook" is about right for average shore-caught fluke. It is strong enough to hold any outsized fluke you may hook. Old timers may opt for a regular shank 4/0 Sproat, but if you are a beginning fluke fisherman, stay with those long shanks. You'll see why when you first glimpse that set of wicked teeth. Though not as strong as a bluefish, fluke can inflict a nasty wound—one that seems to take forever to stop bleeding.

Sinker weight is governed by the strength of current in the area being fished. Usually, a two ounce bank sinker will do in the quiet places away from inlets. Fishing the ocean may require four ounces, or more. Bait must be on the bottom to do the most good, therefore it is important that the correct weight be used. But don't overdo. You'll cut into your fun if you do. As noted, a bank sinker is preferred, but any type except the pyramid will do.

Three way swivels can be used. Tie in directly above the sinker. You can also tie the leader directly to the line by first forming a two inch double-overhand knotted loop. Make this loop about two to three inches above the sinker. Most times I avoid all this by using a sinker snap and place sinker and leader together. Works fine-especially when casting on windy days when the leader is easily wrapped about the main line.

Don't forget a net. When fluke fishing, this is almost as important as bait. When fishing from a gently shelving beach, you probably won't have much difficulty landing your fish. But if you must lift your fish onto a pier or bulkhead, you better think seriously about bringing a net. Fluke have a cute trick of shaking free seconds before being lifted from the water. Don't let it happen to you!

Fluke are predators. Using such baits as clam, mussel, and worms will avail you naught. Okay—so I've caught an occasional fluke in late spring when flounder fishing with worm, and maybe I've nailed one or two when using skimmer for sea bass on the offshore grounds. But the amount of times can only be counted on both hands—and this after 66 years of fishing! So, a word to the wise. Never depend on these baits to produce.

Probably the best of all fluke bait is a live, two inch killie. If you use these, run the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover—gently and carefully. Don't

nick the gills. These are the fish's lungs and are extremely delicate. Placing the hook through the lips is okay, but if not done just so, the killie is often lost when casting, or through the actions of a short biting fluke. Crabs have a field day with lip-hooked killies. Incidentally, if your killie is coming up bitten off in the middle, don't think it is some smart aleck fluke. The culprit is a crab, which means that your are not jigging enough. Crabs find it difficult latching on to a moving bait.

If you plan on fluke fishing near inlets, sand eels can usually be depended upon to produce. And don't forget the fish catching ability of small snappers from the third week of July into late August. Large spearing are good, too; but these are best when fresh. Frozen spearing are difficult to keep on the hook when thawed.

When using whole fish, except killies, run the hook through the head and then back in the body about midpoint. It is important that the bait lie in a natural-like manner along the hook shank—bunched bait causes twisted leaders and few fish. When using these baits, allow the fluke a few seconds to munch before setting the hook.

Sea robin strips and squid are very good. Most all my inshore fluke fishing is done with sea robin strips. Fluke belly works well, but fishermen are reluctant to slice up a keeper fluke for bait (and I can't say I blame them). Incidentally, don't use a throw-back fluke for this. It's not only breaking the law, but hurts all fishermen in the long run. Better to put a few slices of flounder belly away in the spring and use these. Works as well.

It's easy to prepare sea robin for fluke bait.

Always leave on the scales as this makes a more appealing bait. Hold the robin down by the head, preferably with gloves or a heavy rag because of the sharp spines. Make a cut at the vent to the backbone and then slice along this to the tail. Do the same on the opposite side and you'll have two pieces of choice bait. I usually cut each lengthways and use the lighter skinned pieces first. Run the hook through once at the widest part, and that's it. Takes but minutes and produces wonderful bait.

As noted, it is important that you impart action to the bait. Cast out as far as possible and when the rig hits bottom, begin to retrieve it with short lifts of the rod tip, reeling in slack as you go along. Should you feel a sudden weight, don't be in too much of a hurry to set the hook. Allow the fish to get the bait down. Patience is the key word here. The fish may take off with a powerful flick of its tail, hooking itself, or it may just lie quietly. Lift the rod tip and if weight is felt again, set the hook with a follow through of the rod.

Give shore fishing a try this summer. You certainly have nothing to lose, and probably a great deal to gain.

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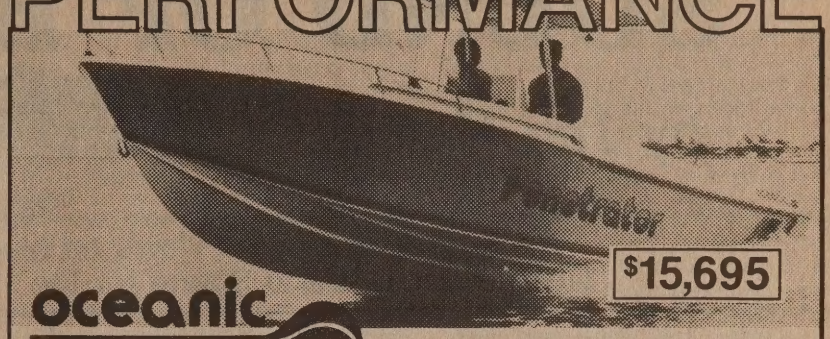

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SOUND OF BLUES

by Ted Keatley

The author shares his views on bluefishing in western Long Island Sound for the 1987 season.

In spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to love. For many along the shores of western Long Island Sound, this proves to be the love of bluefishing. By the time that this issue reaches readers, the 1987 season should be well under way.

Last year, I took my first bluefish off Norwalk's Sheffield Island on May 18th and found good action south of Rye's Manursing Island a week later. On June 1st, the fishing was so fast in the mouth of Hempstead Harbor that I quit at noon because I had filled the cooler.

Actually, the start of bluefishing was several weeks earlier than usual last year. As I write this, I am not certain that we will have a repeat. Bluefish move toward the North Carolina shore from their wintering grounds in the Gulf Stream and work their way up the coast. Unlike 1986, there was very little action reported around Cape Hatteras and the Chesapeake Bay area in April. Another source of concern is the scarcity of snappers in 1985 and 1986 along much of the coast. These would be the cocktail and harbor blues of this year.

Are we coming to the end of the cycle of abundance? Last season provided the best action with big alligators that I ever can recall. However, school fish were not as plentiful as prior summers. Bluefish have been in an up cycle which began in the late 1940s after a 10-year disappearance that started as an aftermath of the 1938 hurricane. Actually, it took another decade for large numbers of choppers to find their way into western Long Island Sound. An increasing percentage of big fish in a decreasing total population is the usual sign that a cyclic downward curve is approaching.

Since trolling is the most popular method of bluefishing, here is a thought before I move on to the where and how of the coming season.

I am not partial to spinning tackle unless I am casting very light lures. It never seems as though I have proper control of the line. I normally use revolving spool reels and with a moderately light drag setting and judicious use of my thumb, I feel that I can adjust the pressure to best advantage. This technique has worked with fish running from harbor blues to 20 lb. alligators and striped bass in the 40s. Note that I indicated a fairly soft drag. It is far easier to tighten the star wheel slightly if necessary than to back off the pressure on a running fish. When I hear horror stories of big bluefish snapping lines, it means one of two things: either the mono is bad or the drag is too tight.

My preference for trolling is a level wind reel. It eliminates the necessity of marking line length and facilitates letting out a troll while running the boat.

With a full reel, the amount of mono released when the line guide travels the width of the spool is always the same. If you watch the line guide, you can pay out the troll with one hand while steering with the other. I normally back off the drag instead of free spooling. This reduces the chance of a backlash in case a big bluefish decides to help you get out the line faster.

If you have Daiwa, Shimano, Ambassadeur or similar reels, you will have to do your own measuring. However, here are the figures which I use for my Penn level winds: Model 9/109 9 feet; model 209/210, 11 feet; model 309, 13 feet and model 320 GTI, 10 feet.

The Penn 309 is the one which I use when wire lining (not my favorite sport, but sometimes the only game in town). The stainless steel line guide stands up very well against the cutting action of stainless or monel wire. The only disadvantage is the 3:1 gear ratio. The retrieve is not quite as fast as the commonly used narrow spool wire line reels such as the Penn 49L and 349H.

As a rule, the early arrivals are school fish of 5 lbs. or less which have followed the sand eels into the area. The big alligators are most plentiful from midsummer into fall. Last year was an exception. I had fast action with big bluefish in Stamford's Westcott Cove for about three weeks beginning in mid-June.

One of the first areas likely to produce is "off the Hospital." This is King's Park State Hospital which can be seen as a squared off brick building about midway between the Lilco smokestacks at Northport and Cranes Neck. Actually, the whole area from the Lilco plant to Cranes has potential. Although the early fish usually are well offshore, I have found them in the rip at Cranes as early as the middle of June and they often provide good action outside of Penfield Reef at the west end of Bridgeport. As the season progresses, the small blues tend to concentrate close to shore between the Lilco towers and the Nissequogue River. Another area which often has schools of smaller blues as spring merges into summer is buoy 24 off Cockenoe at the east end of the Norwalk Islands.

Lloyds Neck (buoy 15) on the Long Island shore was an early season hotspot for many years and provided plenty of school blues and weakfish. However, it has not been as productive in recent seasons. The large schools of bait which attracted predators to the reef have not been as plentiful.

Further west, you always can count on some early season action from buoy 32A westward to Playland at Rye. The buoy is in mid-Sound between Greenwich Point and Oyster Bay. When I had my boat in Mamaroneck, the bluefish often appeared by the first week of June around the K racing buoy between buoy 42 off Milton Point at Rye and Hempstead Harbor. Last year, the mouth of Hempstead Harbor provided fantastic fishing in early June. Center Island reef (buoy 17) just west of Oyster Bay also can be good.

The commonest bluefishing technique is wire line trolling with an umbrella rig, a method that can result in a three to five fish hook-up if the school is large. I never was too partial to this type of fishing, but sometimes, it is the only thing that works. For the past two seasons, I have been using Don Campbell's Periwinkle jigs rather than the four-armed umbrella.

Since there are no multiple hookups, the Periwinkle will put less fish in the boat. However, it has been my experience that the Periwinkle or a trolled plug will take bigger fish as a rule. Many times, I have been trolling with the fleet and taking much larger blues than the boats around me dragging umbrellas.

However, if you want a lot of fish, the umbrella is the way to go. With four tube lures on the ends of the arms and a fifth hook in the center, you really can bail fish if you get into a school of feeding small blues.

One secret with umbrella rigs is keeping the lures adjusted properly. The tube should be pushed down so

that the tapered end is at almost a 90 degree angle to the hook shank. If you are in doubt about the adjustment, drop the umbrella in the water beside the boat. The rig supposedly represents a school of frightened baitfish and the tubes should spin enticingly. If they are too straight, they glide dead through the water.

As I have previously indicated, most of my trolling over the past two years has been with the Periwinkle jig made by veteran Bridgeport fisherman Don Campbell. Last season, trolling with the Periwinkle on monofilament along shore and in harbors was so productive for alligator blues that I virtually gave up chunk baiting and livelining bunkers.

The Periwinkle is a leadhead dressed with about 6 inches of fluorescent crimped nylon hair. There are many jigs of this general type on the market and for years, Stamford fishermen have made their own "hairy jigs." However, Campbell's seems to have a little difference that bluefish find irresistible. I suspect that the fuller and heavier hair and the fluorescent chartreuse color are much of the answer. Under the water, the jig flares out like a hula skirt and seems several times its original size.

You have to rig the jig yourself. I use a 40 inch length of 80 lb. mono leader with a large Bead Chain swivel on one end and an 8/0 Mustad Qua. 3489 pacific Bass long shank hook on the other.

After losing a number of big blues as well as jigs, I finally realized the source of my problem one day when I was working the edge of a feeding frenzy in the mouth of Stamford's East Channel. The blues found the jig more attractive than the milling bunkers and three or four would be following the hooked fish, snapping at the Periwinkle and trying to steal it. Since the jig had ridden up the leader to the swivel, they were chopping the line when they grabbed it. A crimping sleeve on the mono just ahead of the jig solved this problem.

I have found that a piece of Uncle Josh King Size Tail Hook pork rind adds to the effectiveness of the lure and it is amazing how many of the big blues are landed on the 5/0 stinger hook in the pork rind. A bluefish can chop a big bunker in half with one chomp, but they seem to have a difficult time gnawing through that tough pigskin.

I troll about 125 feet of mono when working areas with a depth of 6 to 20 feet. Even in six feet of water, I rarely hang bottom unless I am forced to make a short turn.

The Periwinkle is available in both 2 and 4 ounce versions. I have found the 4 ounce more effective for my trolling. When I ran out of the heavier jigs late last season, I compensated by adding a 2 ounce drail between the line and the leader.

People often query me about boat speed and I really can't give an accurate answer. I tell them that I troll at 750 to 800 RPM with a 20 foot Shamrock powered by a Ford V8 engine.

If you are trolling wire with any type of lure, use the old rule of thumb that the rig drops 10 feet for each 100 feet of wire. Of course, boat speed, current and the drag of the lure will affect depth. An umbrella has considerable resistance, as anyone who has cranked one in from a moving boat will attest. Thus, it would tend to ride up. A 4 ounce Periwinkle has little resistance and runs deeper at the same boat speed. This may be one of the reasons why it takes bigger fish when deep water wire lining.

I run my Lowrance chart recorder continuously when trolling. I keep it at low speed to conserve paper and turn it up only if interesting marks justify more detail.

When trolling mono close to shore, the chart serves primarily as an alert since I am working pretty skinny water much of the time.

Offshore, the chart picks up blues and schools of bait. Readings in the 20 to 30 foot range seem most likely to produce hits. Many times, I have had tremendous readings from 40 feet down to 80 or 90 and couldn't buy a fish. Perhaps this is when I should stop and try jigging.

Since I am running out of space, my words of wisdom on casting, cut baiting and livelining bunkers will have to wait for the July column.

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—WORMIN' PRIMER— TECHNIQUE

Part Two—by Rich Zaleski

Last week, we discussed the proper equipment for learning how to fish the plastic worm for bass. For those of you who may have missed it, let me briefly recap a few of the key items. We're limiting ourselves to one size, style and color of worm and type of rigging, that has a high likelihood of catching bass in most situations and will allow you to effectively fish open water and just about any type of cover you may encounter. By doing so, we can concentrate our efforts on learning technique instead of trying to figure out which worm and/or which specialized rigging technique to use for any specific conditions we may run into on the water.

We're only going to use a 6'', medium bulk worm of either the twister tailed or flat tailed variety and the color is either black or grape. We're rigging it on a 2/0 Sproat worm hook, either the Mr. Twister Keeper hook, or a True-Turn worm hook and using a 3/16 ounce, bullet-shaped slip sinker. We're fishing it on 12 pound test line, with a stiff, graphite rod and the drag on our reel is wound pretty tight.

Okay, let's get busy. First thing we have to do is pick a likely looking spto to throw the worm. The easiest thing is to pick a target of some type and assume that there's a big ol' largemouth laying next to that object. Our target might be a submerged stump or boulder, a clump of weeds, a turn in the edge of a larger weed bed, or any such shallow object. If you're fishing without a boat, I'd suggest wading so that you can fish objects that are close to the shore.

Let's start by looking for a target that is not right smack against the shore. Something with a little water behind it. The first thing you want to do is try to analyze the object (which we refer to as a break) and decide exactly where a bass might be laying in relation to it. The most likely spot is usually the ''crease'' formed where the base of the object meets the bottom. The closer to that crease you can put the worm, the more likely it is that a bass will hit it!

Cast your worm **past** the break, and with the rod tip held high, swim it along near the surface until it has almost reached the spot above the crease. As it approaches the target, stop reeling and quickly drop the rod tip to nine o'clock. **Forget** all you may have read about keeping the line tight as the worm sinks. If you keep a tight line, the worm will ride the line tension, swinging pendulum fashion in an arc, towards you. Obviously, it will not fall into the crease in such a

Bill Nagy lands a largemouth that he caught by casting a 6 inch plastic worm at a visible, shallow water object. This method of fishing is effective by itself, but is even more valuable as an aid to learning the intricacies of wormin'.

situation.

Dropping the rod tip and allowing the worm to sink on a slack line, however, will allow it to fall almost vertically. You'll see the line feeding across the surface towards the lure as it sinks. When the worm hits bottom, the line will stop sliding across the surface and will fall slack. Allow the worm to sit a few seconds before raising the rod tip to between ten and eleven o'clock, as you gently wind in most of the slack.

Bring the last little bit of slack out of the line by slowly raising the rod tip until you begin to feel the worm. At this point, you're trying to sense any movement that might be the result of your worm being in a bass' mouth instead of on the bottom! If it feels normal (eventually, you'll know what normal feels like), give the worm a short hop or two by twitching the rod tip six inches or so. Allow the worm to return to bottom as before, following the twitch.

Repeat this procedure until the worm is four or five feet away from the break, then reel it in. Cast back past the break again, and this time, allow the worm to settle to the bottom on the back side of the object. With short, gentle motions, work the snag resistant lure right up and over the break, allowing it to settle into the crease on the front side once again.

If the object that you've selected is complex, with several nooks and crannies that might hold an inactive bass, try repeating the procedure as many times as it takes to present that worm into all the various hiding places that it offers. Remember—the inactive bass that ignore other offerings are the ones that wormin' is most suited to catching. At times, such inactive fish may not move more than a few inches to take the worm, so it's up to you to put it right smack into the spots that have a strong likelihood of holding these non-aggressive fish. Studies have shown that non-feeding bass can be so inactive as to either not be aware of lures more than a foot away from them, or simply ignore them!

Wormin' is a far more versatile technique than simply a target fishing method, but we've got to start somewhere. We're concentrating our efforts on shallow water objects for a couple of reasons. Most bass fishermen can recognize the types of shallow water objects that are likely to hold bass. By concentrating on those objects for the time being, we can familiarize ourselves with how the lure responds to rod tip manipulations, and how it feels as it bumps into various types of cover such as wood, brush, weeds, rocks, etc.

An important factor in becoming an accomplished worm fisherman is the ability to identify the bottom contour and composition and the presence of various breaks that might hold fish, via the signals that are sent up your line. By working visible objects and conditions, you can begin to become adept at this. You'll also learn how to manipulate rod and line to make the worm go where you want it to and perform in the most lifelike manner.

Also, in presenting the lure in these types of spots, eventually, you're bound to come into contact with a bass! After all, as important as it is to learn to interpret the underwater features by feel, the ultimate goal is to be able to catch fish with the technique and sooner or later you're going to have to learn what a hit feels like and how to react.

We've all read about the "tick," "thunk" or "bump" that you may feel when a bass sucks in the worm. You probably also have read that many times, the first indication of a bite comes from visually noting a slight twitch or hesitation in the line as the worm is sinking. After two decades of wormin', I can categorically say that there's no way to describe to a novice worm fisherman, what the bite of a bass on a plastic worm feels like.

Last week we rigged a worm. This time we'll tell you where, how and when to cast it.

But I can also tell you that if you're concentrating on feeling out the underwater habitat, **you will have no difficulty recognizing a fish's bite.** There is a sense of life to it; a vibration in the line that results from movement at the other end feels different from one that comes from movement originated at your end.

Eventually, you'll feel something coming from the business end of your line that wasn't caused by your action. It might be a nearly imperceptible twitch; it might be a slow, steady pull; maybe the worm will just feel "spongy" when you attempt to move it, or the line could go totally slack as a fish picks up the worm and moves towards you with it. Whatever, don't worry about it, because you will have no trouble recognizing it once you've learned to feel the bottom and breaks. In fact, with enough practice, you could reach the point where you can tell whether or not the fish tugging on the other end of the line is really a bass, or whether it's a bluegil, rock bass, pickerel, or whatever!

When the moment of truth arrives, it's time to set the hook. Every worm fisherman has different theories about how and when to set the hook. Some allow the fish to swim away with the lure by opening the bail or hitting the free spool button. Others insist that you have to react instantly, with a firm sweep of the rod.

Years of experimenting and experience led me to adopt a hook setting technique that has proven to be the most reliable on a day in, day out basis. As far as timing is concerned, it's best to set the hook as soon as you can do it properly. The key point here is doing it properly.

Studies have been done by various individuals over the years about how much force it's possible for a fisherman to effect with a hook setting motion, how much is lost to line stretch and line friction, how many pounds of pressure it requires to drive a hook into a bass' jaw, etc. These studies have absolutely no practical benefit. Pressure or force alone is **not** what sets the hook. The speed at which you move the hook is far more important than the amount of force you develop!

You cannot effectively develop the rod tip speed and the distance of sweep that is required to consistently set the hook into a bass' jaw from the rod position at which you most effectively fish the worm. So the instantaneous hook set is out.

A slow sweep of the rod as recommended by some experts is also far less effective than a sharp snapping motion, so extending the rod tip way out towards the fish and then sweeping it upward in a slow, even motion that comes from your back and shoulders is also self-defeating.

Learn the hook set motion that I'm about to describe, and you'll hook a higher percentage of the bass that hit your worm than most fishermen who've been wormin' for years.

When some signal, whether visual, tactile, or a combination of both, alerts you to some sign of life at the other end of the line, **immediately** drop the rod tip to eight o'clock and extend your arms toward the fish. **DO not** bend towards the fish from the waist, but simply extend your arms. As soon as this is accomplished, reel at a slow and steady pace until the line is **almost** tight. I stress the almost here. You do not want to get the line tight enough to feel the fish, you just want to eliminate most of the slack in the line, so that most of the arc your rod traces on the hook set is transcribed into hook movement.

Just before the line comes tight, simultaneously snap your wrists upward (bringing the rod to the twelve o'clock position) and draw your arms to your chest. Don't stop reeling as you do this. The whole procedure, starting with dropping your rod tip at the first sign of a hit and right through reeling out the excess slack and the final, sharp movement of snapping

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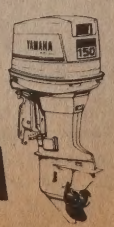

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If you did it right, you will have taken all the slack and stretch out of the line, embedded the hook firmly in the bass' upper jaw, turned the fish towards you and moved it a couple of feet away from the cover! The drag may have slipped just a tad if you really got a solid hook set. (Assuming that you had it set according to the instructions provided last week.) you'll know the drag is too loose if the rod never fully loads up to near its maximum bend.

With properly balanced tackle, you will not break the line using this hook set. I do a lot of light tackle wormin', with 6 pound test line and 4 inch worms and rarely break even that thin line with this method. Fishing buddies are often amazed to watch me move a 4 pounder out of a nasty tangle of trees on the hook set with light line using this hook set motion! Yet the identical motion will firmly set even a 5/0 worm hook when fishing huge worms on heavy tackle, even at long range.

Keep at it, practicing your worm fishing around shallow objects, learning to feel the bottom and to properly set the hook, and in no time at all, you'll be at least as successful a worm fisherman as the vast majority of those who rely on the fake wigglers. Then you can move on to the next important step—getting away from the shallow objects and using the worm as a tool to explore the bottom at depths beyond those where fish holding breaks are obvious to the eye.

The sense of feel you've developed will allow you to interpret bottom conditions and feel out those deeper spots that have a higher likelihood of holding fish. Any object, depth change or break that you encounter between the shoreline and the basin of the lake or river is a potential bass hangout. There are few better tools for analyzing these breaks than the worm. By happy coincidence, the same worm that you're using as your underwater eyes will also tempt an awful lot of those bass into trying to eat it. The same "snap set" technique that works in shallow water will securely hook fish from deeper water as well.

Eventually, you'll want to try some additional worm styles, sizes and colors and perhaps experiment with optional rigging techniques. If you can wait until you've learned everything that the standard rig I've recommended here can teach you, then you'll have a foundation of knowledge and experience on which to bass conclusions as to which may be valuable additions to your repertoire and which are a waste of time and money.

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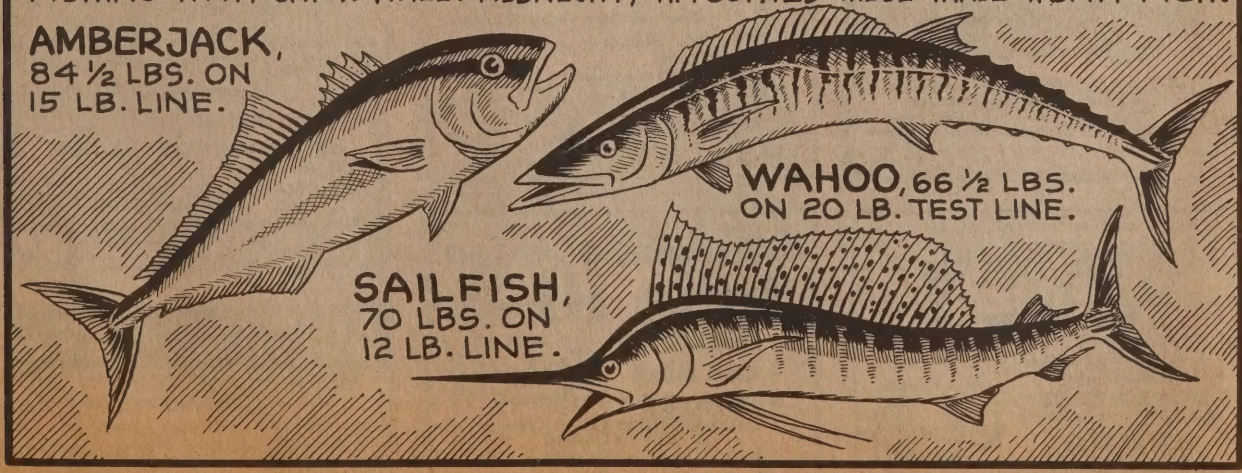

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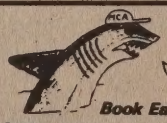

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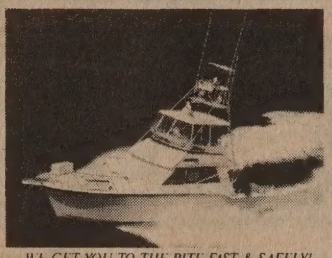

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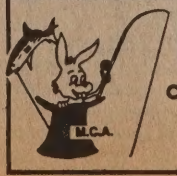

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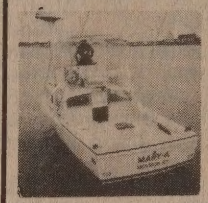

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flounder on her morning trip; caught a load of blues and some striped bass in the evening. Melissa Mercogliano learned the finer points of blackfishing quickly, hauling in many blacks to 6 lbs. on the "Three Star" on Sunday. Other marina based craft fished local Montauk waters, "Sea Lark" for blacks and sea bass; "Venture" for blues and bass at the Point.

Captain Weiss found plenty of blue sharks on Friday's trip on the **Gusto**, fighting and releasing over a dozen with Werner Little. However, the catch of the day was a fine thresher shark, which weighed 302 lbs. back at the dock.

TJ, at **Gone Fishing Marina**, reported blue shark action for anglers on one of the marina based charter boats, **Fisherman II**. Tom Carew and members of the Black Clouds Fishing Club chartered the **Caprice** last Monday. Over two dozen flounder, one of 3 lbs., along with a dozen ling and blackfish to 6 lbs. were caught fishing Montauk's North Side and also at the Lighthouse.

On the weekend, Captain Ron Grandinetti connected with cod and flounder on trips to Southwest Ledge on the **Julie III**. Saturday's trip with Walter Ross and friends from New York City returned with 14 cod and a load of large flounder, one weighing in at 4 lbs. Sunday's group, headed by Jessie Walker, found the codfishing a little slower probably since light winds prevented proper drifting. However, a good catch of flounder topped off the day.

Captain Steven Forsberg reported an excellent day with cod on Saturday, when over 250 codfish were put aboard the **Viking Star**. Pool winning fish weighed 32 lbs. Sunday's light winds, prevented proper drifting at Cox's Ledge, holding down the catch.

Katie, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin**, saw a variety of inshore species on the docks this week: bluefish, sea bass and blue shark on Saturday's trip. Explorations to the Canyon by boats such as the "Flora-R" resulted in catches of 2 to 17 yellowfin in the 30 to 40 lb. range.

Captain Max Dombrowski fished northeast of Sharks Ledge on Sunday, with Ronnie Alna and Jim Lutkins on the **Blue Moon**. The charter group returning with 30 codfish, the largest 33 lbs., along with 20 blues ranging to 15 lbs.

TJ saw plenty of blues caught in local waters, with loads of stripers at the Point. Billy Podmore proved that blackfishing is holding up since he checked in to **Gone Fishing Marina** with 40 blackfish and over a dozen flounder on the weekend. On Saturday, Lianne, Sal, John and Janice DiMeglio tried Cox's Ledge for 73 cod, top weight 15 lbs. Shark attempts found plenty of blue sharks at 40 fathoms, with 5 to 10 sharks fought per boat.

Shark and tuna were the order of the day at **Star Island Yacht Club**, according to Chuck Cogswell. "Gemini" returned with six bluefin tuna, all in the 40 lb. range on an overnight trip. Six bluefin, plus an albacore were caught in the fishtails on the "Salmar." Anglers on "Hawks Nest," "Obsession" and "Bit of Heaven" fished at 40 fathoms all reporting action with blue sharks and loads of ocean bluefish.

Blue shark action was reported by the **Orion**, "Abracadabra," and "Break-a-way" on Saturday's trips. Other boats berthed at **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** reported plenty of bluefish at the point, with the first showing of porgies.

Captain Bob Dippel has retired after a long fishing career. Captain Tom Federico formerly of the **Happy Hooker** is now taking charters on the **Surfmaster II**. Saturday's shakedown trip with Joe, Paul, John and Gary located 15 bluefish in only two hours of trolling Block Island waters with the family.

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, reported fine inshore action on Friday with Gene Polanish and Lenny Genovese, of Genovese Drugs. The group returning with 1½ dozen flounder to 2½ lbs. wikth 20 blackfish, top weight 7 lbs. Saturday's offshore trip with Frank Pawlick and his group tagged and released 16 blue sharks, largest estimated at 150 lbs. A true snowshoe, weighing 4½ lbs., on the marina scale highlighted Sunday's big flounder catch with Ray Osso and Ricco and friends fishing inshore.

Kevin Wodzenski, his friends Bill, Dave and Brian enjoyed an excellent day on Capt. Howard's **Reel Magic** on Saturday. Fishing 40 miles offshore, the group fought and released 11 blue shark ranging from 25 to 125 lbs. It was noted that the baby blue shark was caught on bluefish tackle and carefully released unharmed.

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Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. of the **Pronto** fished 35 to 45 miles offshore on the weekend, Saturday with Rick Bowen and friends, Sunday with Tom Rickers and his group, enjoying blue sharks both days, although Saturday had the better bite. It was noted tha water temperatures hovered in the 56 degree range.

Henry Uihlein spoke of a mixed bag of bottom fish brought into **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** during the past week, noting that Bob Ruth had a good catch of flounder to 2½ lbs. off Shagwong. Boats fishing local Montauk waters—Shagwong, Washington Shoals, Fort Pond Bay—returned with flounder, sea bass, blackfish and blues. Watch next week's column for details of the upcoming Fluke Tournament to be held the weekend of June 27/28.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach has switched to a summer fishing schedule. The **Wilhelric II** will fish for fluke on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and concentrate on porgies from Thursdays through Mondays. Ladies days are on Tuesday and Sunday. Captain Clark tried a combination fluke and flounder trip on Saturday, locating many keeper fluke at Gardiner's Island. Paul Waller of Cedarhurst noted that there was only one short fluke out of 14 caught. Orient Point still holds very large flounder; a few dozen were caught on both days of the weekend. Many porgies have come into the area off Gardiner's and should settle into their summer feeding grounds with the arrival of the full moon this week.

Chris Salb spoke of sporadic bluefish activity at Jessup's Neck and South ferry. While weakfish catches have been spotty, one angler reported seeing weaks on the surface at South Ferry, which were difficult to catch. A skiff, rented from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** returned with the first batch of porgies from Cedar Point during the week. Not much in the way of flounder since one marina customer, Ray Smith, tried very deep water off Tobaccolot Bay on Memorial Day to bag 26 flounder and a mess of blackfish.

The "Queen of Hearts" fished at 41 fathoms on the weekend, finding blue sharks and bluefish waiting in 56 degree water temperatures. David Young with Mike and Mack McConnell and Rudy Koltz fought and

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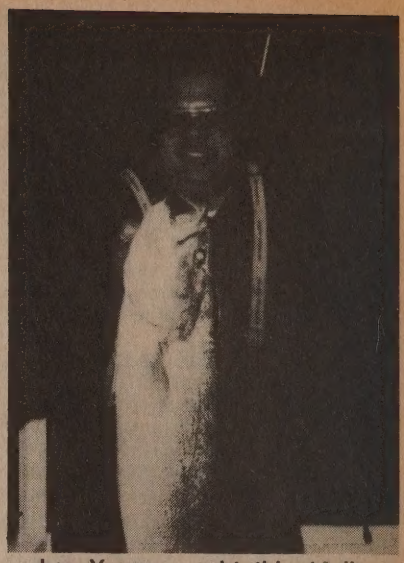

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released 7 blue sharks ranging in weight from 60 to 200 lbs., along wtih couple of dozen ocean bluefish. Inshore, marina customers returned to **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** with a few flounder and fluke, but most anglers concentrated on the large blues that congregated a few miles off Shinnecock Inlet.

Thom Speckenback said those concentrating on blackfish are finding plenty of takers on green crab, but having difficulty keeping hooked blacks from heading into the rock pile.

Fluking slowed on the weekend, with a few keepers caught at Shinnecock's east channel, with heavy boat traffic and wakes accounting for the slowdown. Plenty of small fluke, however, in the Shinnecock Canal, with an occasional keeper spoken of at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Porgy and fluke seem to be starting off Gardiner's.

Ron Arcate, speaking for **Mariners Cove Marina** saw a nice catch of flounder, about four dozen, made by Eric Eker of New Hyde Park from Shinnecock Bay. Plenty of blues are at the Inlet. Bob and Greta Petersen caught about two dozen large blues on Saturday. The walk-in freezer at the Marina is now running and stocked with shark chum, bunker and mackerel. Best place orders now for upcoming shark tournaments.

Jeff at **Altenkirch and Sons** said that best fluking takes place a half hour before and after the canal gates open, since several fluke, some to 3 lbs. were caught at that time. Very large sea robins continue to hit all baits meant for other species. Anglers lucky enough to evade these "peconic sailfish" have been delighted to find very large blowfish, some almost a pound in the Canal. Jeff also spoke of blues along the beach caught both by boat and from the surf. Flounder action is steady in the Basket. Blues are feeding off Jessup's Neck, but weakfish reports are scarce.

A spokesman for **Oscar's Fishing Station** confirmed continuing flounder action in the Basket. A few fluke, about 3 to 8 per rental skiff, were caugh at the Ponquogue Bridge on the weekend. Note: **Oscar's** is open for business for those wishing to rent skiffs for Shinnecock Bay fluke and flounder.

Al Flexer reported bluefish at Shinnecock Inlet and Sebonac Neck with best action at dawn and dusk. Fluke maven Al Segal is managing one or two keeper fluke per trip at the Canal; while Donald White of Hampton Bays used **Al Feather's Night Glow Jigs** for four keepers, one of 22 inches with two small weakfish at the Canal.

Lanny Molnar at **Molnar's Landing** reported some nice bass being taken on live bait at the inlet this week. On Saturday, Lynn Molnar used a live eel to snake a 31 pound striper. Lanny released a 14 pounder. Bob Breck and

his family trolled a few blues aboard their 'Sick Days' at the Sea Buoy on Sunday. That evening Bob put a 30 pound bass into the cockpit via an eel. On Sunday, Al Zueke put 12 fluke into the box in Tiana Bay. He then added 12 flounder from the Basket area. George Link returned with 14 flounder to 3 pounds from the Basket Area on Saturday. Lanny knew that at least a couple of boats from Shinnecock treked east of the Fishtails on the weekend and returned with the first bigeyes, yellowfins and bluefins.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke have gained a decided edge in Great South Bay though good catches of flatties continue to be made with less consistency. Flounder fishing remains red hot in Moriches Bay and shows no signs of letting up. Weakfish again showed indications of taking hold better than at any time this spring. Plenty of blues just outside Fire Island Inlet and lots of big blues plagued sharkers working as far off the beach as the Texas Tower. The only shark news this week concerned blue sharks and the bulk of that action was reported at the canyon. The first confirmed tuna catch was also made at the canyon on the weekend.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** reported very good flounder fishing all week with individual scores averaging 20 fish per. Most all of the fishing was done in the Buoy 39 area with some sea bass and blackfish also mixing in with the flatties. On Sunday's trip, Mike Gladtke and his dad totaled 70 flatties including a 3 pound pool winner.

At **L&M Marineland Fishing Station**, Phil Sepulveda said that flounder fishing remained excellent this week at Buoys 27 and 29. One hundred plus catches per boat were not unusual. Typical of some of the better scores was a catch of 125 flounder from 1 to 2½ pounds made by Tony Alessi, Bruce Tomasseli and Rich Plofker on Sunday. Phil added that there are fluke around but most anglers are preoccupied with the winter flatties.

Great South Bay Anglers Club members Bill and Lynn Henderson worked the buoy 36 area on Friday. They put away 53 flatties up to a hefty 3 pounds.

Richard Haug caught this 3.4 lb. flounder in Moriches Bay back on 5-23. It was taken aboard his son Dick's boat. Subscriber photo.

Capt. Russ Hagios of the **Center Moriches** charter boat **Shaman** reported that Friday's group headed by Dick and Martin Marlow totaled between 150 and 200 flounder. Rosemary Fedorco had 33. Fishing was done south of Buoy 36 and at Buoy 29.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue** again noted an upswing in weakfish activity, particularly at Ocean Beach. Frank Powers used a bucktail to take tiderunners of 8 and 12.8 pounds one day this week. On Wednesday, Mike Damsky and Chris Ivory topped off a catch of 8 fluke with a 10 pound yellowfin. Local flounder action has diminished considerably though some nice catches are still being made at the Sore Thumb. The better fishing is to the east in Moriches Bay. Ed Herold and Jim Klineman worked the Buoy 29 area in Moriches and totaled 55 flatties. Fluke fishing in Great South Bay is pretty decent with a lot of action on short fluke and quality keepers mixing in. Bluefish were at Ocean Beach on Saturday and there have been choppers in and out at the inlet early mornings and evenings. The docks continue on the slow side.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported that the private boat 'Spare Wheels' trolled 4 blues to 10 pounds on Sunday. Lots of blues inside the bay and at the inlet for casters and trollers this week. Most are in the 2 to 4 pound range. Pretty good action with fluke though many of the fish are shorts. Those being kept are ranging from 2 to 4 pounds. Some nice catches reported near the RM Bridge, the Lighthouse and West Channel, along with Ocean Beach.

"Flounder action has slowed but fluke are picking up the slack" according to Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**. On Friday, Joe Salantino used spearing to take 24 keeper fluke in the State Channel. There was some very good flounder fishing in Moriches Bay on the weekend. On Saturday, Don Visek trailered to Moriches and worked the Buoy 29 area with bloodworms. They finished up with 70 nice flounder. There has been a resurgence in weakfish action. On Friday, Peter Jackits checked in with 3 weaks from 8 to 10 pounds and 6 blues taken near West Channel aboard his 'Rainbow Runner III'. Peter had 3 weaks on another trip earlier in the week.

From **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackl** in **East Islip**, John Albanese reported a catch of 11 fluke for Gene Krupsak on Sunday. Fished ranged to 3 pounds and were taken in West Channel on a skirted fluke rig with spearing. John looked over a catch of 31 flounder to 2½ pounds and a pair of blackfish to 5 pounds taken by Barbara Robinson and her husband on a recent trip aboard the Moriches based Alma III. John added that there have been lots of blues in West Channel and Dickerson Channel early mornings and evenings for those casting plugs and tins.

At **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** Carl Miller knew of a flurry of weakfish action at first light on Saturday at Ocean Beach. Fluke fishing continues good with Ray Boucher taking 11 to 3 pounds just west of the Robert Moses bridge on Saturday. The fish were taken on sandeel and squid combos on the last of the Ebb and the first of the flood. A school of small blues worked the mouth of the inlet early Saturday morning with bigger fish up to 7 and 8 pounds along the beach to the east. Still a nice pick of flounder at the Sore Thumb and lighthouse but not as consistent as it had been. Some guys do well, some have a tough pick. Kismet Reef has a decent population of blackfish and small porgies. Frank from All Island Remodeling sampled the Fire Island Ocean Reef on Friday and returned with a 5 pound cod, 17 sea bass to 4 pounds and a bunch of ling.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** said that fluking remains good with 50 to 100 keepers per day including a good number of 3-4 pound class fish. Many shorts making for plenty of action. On Wednesday's trip, Vincent Chiavola

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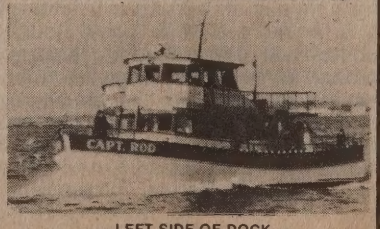

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totaled 25 shorts and 9 keepers. On Friday, Fay and Don Wright teamed up to take 20 shorts and 10 keepers up to 4½ pounds. Also on Friday, Eddie Silvestri finished with 24 shorts and 6 keepers including a 5.2 pound pool winner. Neil has been working Snake Hill Channel, West Island, East Island, the Lighthouse and the State Channel and reported that fish are being caught on both tides. Spearing or live killies and squid combos working well in the bait department.

Al Flexer of **Al Feather's Lures**, noted plenty of short fluke being taken from Fisherman's Walk at Captree. On Saturday, he managed to cull 3 keepers from among 30 shorts.

From Bobby Sprenger at **Captree Bait and Tackle** came word of a 9.15 pound blackfish taken on the bay side of Robert Moses on Friday by Chris Hansen. Bobby also told of putting a 5.1 pound fluke on the scale Sunday for Joe Pineiro. Joe decked the fish aboard the open boat Capt. Joseph II. Oluf Lorenzen weighed a 2.7 pound flounder that he caught on the charter boat Fishtale on Saturday. Bobby added that there are lots of fluke around with many shorts providing plenty of action. Some being taken off of Fisherman's Walk and the Captree Overlook Pier. Flounder still being taken at the Jones Beach piers and blackfish continue to be picked from the north side of Robert Moses parking field 2.

Capt. Dan Juettner of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Dan** noted good fluking for fish running to 3½ pounds. He called the keeper ratio about 25 percent. Dan is now sailing full day for fluke 7AM daily and has added a 4 to 8 PM fluke trip as well.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said that Saturday's strong northwesterly winds created tough drifting conditions. Still, fares managed about 60 keeper fluke as well as a load of shorts. Sunday, under better conditions, lots of shorts again provided action but there were quite a few nice fish mixed in. Aside from a 5 pound pool fish, there were 4 fish in the 4 pound class and a bunch in the 3 pound class. Ten blues to 4 pounds were also taken on fluke baits. Speaking of blues, Charlie will begin sailing full night ocean bluefish trips this Friday at 7PM in addition to his 7AM daily fluke trips. The ocean is alive with bluefish and things look good for a fine summer run of choppers.

George Stevenson at **Babylon Fishing Station** reported a catch of 25 blues from 6 to 8 pounds jigged by John and Dominic Valenza, Ken Brennan and Missy aboard the private boat 'Nettie V'. They fished in 65 to 70 feet of water, east of the inlet between Kismet and Ocean Beach. It was a good week with fluke as one customer returned with 14 keepers taken near the Coast Guard Station. Lots of shorts continue to provide plenty of action. Some decent flounder catches reported from the Thumb and Lighthouse but this action is definitely slowing.

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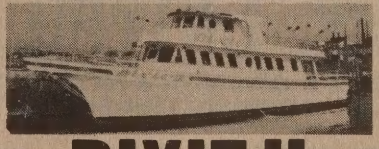

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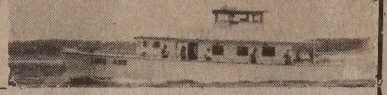

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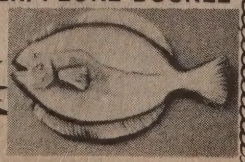

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Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that with the flounder fishing falling off and fluke action looking good, he has made the switch to the summer flatties and is now sailing daily for fluke at 8AM.

Speaking from **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Mike Finn reported a catch of 40 flounder to 1.9 pounds aboard the Ida Jean at the Sore Thumb on Wednesday. On Friday, the Maria D returned with a catch of 60 flatties up to 2 pounds made at the Thumb. Dickie O returned from Saltaire on Saturday with 35 flounder and 3 fluke in the fish box of his 'Rapid Transit'. Also on Saturday, Larry and Mark Turano put a nice catch of blackfish and sea bass aboard their Obsession. They fished the Rota Wreck. On Sunday, Eva Pettaris put a 6.12 pound weak aboard the Tilichi. It was taken at Kismet. The Ida Jean returend with a mix of blues and bonito from 70' of water on Sunday. The South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club held a children's fishing contest on the weekend. First Prize in the event was taken by Jennifer Kaich who decked a 4.11 pound fluke. Also on Sunday, Ray Netuno ran his Cindy Ann southeast of the Coimbra looking for sharks. They found no sharks but did chum a load of big bluefish. And, last but not least, the first confirmed tuna catch brought to my attention and certainly the first for the Babylon Tuna Club was a yellowfin checked in at Augie's on Sunday by Dick Svoboda on his Miss Marion. It came from the Hudson Canyon.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported looking over a catch of 44 flounder taken from shore inside the Sore Thumb Pocket by a caster named George. This was on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Barry Black ran his 'Black's Magic' to the Tower in his quest for shark action. He found it at his crew was kept busy with 8 blue sharks up to 175 pounds. All were released. Lots of bluefish outside the inlet with those trolling wire line and umbrella rigs doing the most damage on these 4 to 10 pound fish. Best action was concentrated in 50 to 60 feet of water to the east of the inlet. Lots of squid evident here according to Mike. Fluking has ranged from fair to good in Dickersons Channel, R.M. Bridge, the Lighthouse and Snake Hill Channel. Still flounder being caught but the action does seem to be petering out. Mike also noted that weakfish seem to be more evident with more talk of tiderunners from West Channel and Ocean Beach.

At **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, Penny Schaefer relayed word from Jimmy that flounder fishing has slowed but it is still possible to put together a good score at the Sore Thumb. Fluke fishing continues to improve though many shorts make up the action. Good scores reported from the Lighthouse to the Inlet and in the State Channel. Spearing, killies and sandeels all working. Several reports of weakfish taken near the

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WR Buoy this week and there are blackfish for the taking at Kismet Reef. Ted and Irene Engelbach had 6 to 7½ pounds on Saturday. On Friday, Louis Chiaino worked the Rota Wreck to the tune of 18 blackfish to 8 pounds.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** said that Ralph Nesorino and Arthur Seamen teamed to take 85 flounder up to 2½ pounds from the Squaw Island area on Friday. They used bloodworms. Ralph also spoke of good fluking on the weekend with several customers reporting good catches in the State Channel, West Channel and the R.M. Bridge. Plenty of blues roaming the bay and some weaks taken this week at West Island and Ocean Beach.

A catch of 6 weaks to 13½ pounds aboard the private boat 'Kobla' was reported by Bob Rose at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. Bob also checked in a 9 pound weak taken in West Channel on Sunday by Frank Zory. He talked of a decent pick of flounder at the Thumb though the fishing is not as consistent as it had been. Plenty of fluke action with lots of shorts from the R.M. Bridge to the Lighthouse, the State Channel and the Babylon Cut. Blues were outside the inlet in 60 feet of water on Saturday, but gone on Sunday. Inside the bay, plenty of small blues during the evening hours off of Unqua Point for casters.

According to Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, he and his crew aboard the 'Cookie Monster' found plenty of big blues atop the Virginia on Saturday but none of the hoped for sharks. Frank did know that one boat had landed 4 blue sharks at the Canyon on Saturday and that the Patty Ann managed to cull some cod off of the San Diego before the dogfish took over.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

As we move further into the warmer weather fishing continues to range from good to excellent amongst the various species around. Flounder catches range to the phenomenal in numbers, fluke numbers improve though with still a moderate keeper ratio. The first tuna has been brought in, weakfish reports are starting to filter in, blackfishing inside and outside continues and all in all, the scene looks very healthy and active. Inshore wrecks are alive also with loads of ling and also occasional jumbo shots of sea bass amongst others.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

From **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford we learn of excellent flounder catches west of the second Wantagh, Black Banks and 4 Corners. Fluke making a good showing now, said Lon, having weighed in a 4 lber. taken just west of the Big M and also a 6 lber. caught in the state channel. A mixture of weaks, blues and striped bass in the bay, particularly around the bridges. Some 8 to 10 lb. weaks taken at FI Inlet on sand worm and Lon knew of big schools of weakfish to be had in the Fire Island area. He said definitely not a bad week. He also told of a couple of keeper bass taken off Rockaway on live bunker by Gary Givinner and Don the Worm Man.

At **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh Mike felt that the floundering had slowed down some this week, with his customers averaging 15 to 40 per boat, outgoing best on bloods and sands. Lots of sea robins around and lots of flounder to 2 lbs., despite the slow down. Best action has been from the Big M to the Jones Beach piers, Swift Creek, Short Beach CG and 3rd

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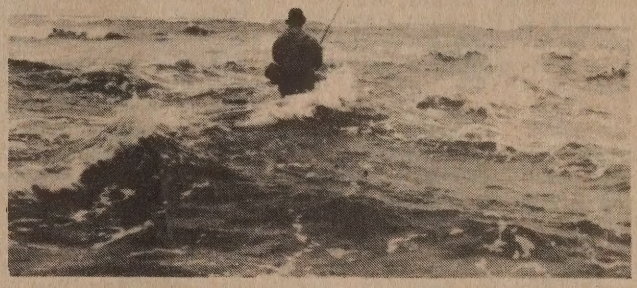

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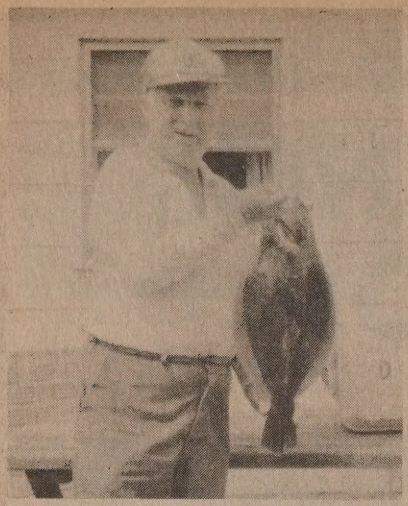

Outcast Anglers Club member, Art Greenspan caught this 4¾ lb. fluke in Reynolds Channel back on 5-31. It was weighed at Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

Wantagh. He called the fluking "pretty good" with many customers reporting 9 to 20 keepers per boat, best action to the west on the ebb. Fluke are in the back of Merrick on spearing and killies and in the Merrick flats on bucktails. Small blackfish have shown up at the bridges along with a few sea bass and porgies, primarily at Big M. Some big blues 7 to 15 lbs. in the bay on bunker in the evening. Small blues at the bridges, 3 to 5 lbers., on tins at high water. Blues offshore 40 feet out to Cholera on bait and chum, fish 3 to 10 lbers. while the wrecks are holding lots of ling and a good supply of blackfish, sea bass, a couple of blues, porgies and sea flounder.

Merrick Tackle in Bellmore noted that several of his customers have been a job with diamond jigs with tails on blues from Jones Inlet on out, fish being trolled, jigged and cast to.

Garan's Tackle in Merrick spoke of good flounder action at the Big W and at Swift Creek off the houses. The T Wreck has been holding a lot of blackfish with scuba divers seeing a lot of jumbos 4 to 6 lbs.

Out of Freeport, the **Starstream II** which is still fishing wrecks and hot pieces of bottom has been getting excellent catches of mixed ling, sea bass, blues, blacks and also a few cod. Fares are getting a lot of fish said the skipper, very good mixed bags. Action has been strong all week and weekend. It's usually an 8 to 10 lb. blue that wins the daily pool. The boat will start night bluefishing daily on Wednesday, June 17th.

Captain Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** said that his charters mainly fished fluke during the week, catching best with the lighter boat traffic, with more keepers. The weekend saw a dip in the keeper ratio due to the heavier boat traffic. Pool fluke have been running 3½ to 5 lbs. and fish are hitting sand eels, spearing and squid. Saturday's flounder trip was good, with fish holding up nicely, though getting a little smaller, said the skipper, in the 1/2 to 3/4 lb. range. The boat sailed trips this week for: Lumber Headquarters, Joel Hanan group, N. Levittown Lanes, Bank Liumi, Mel Farrell, Henry's Bar, Garden City and Doug McAward party.

Captain Sy of the **Blue Fin Fleet** sailed flounder, fluke and bluefish trips this week. Sunday's group had over 100 blues on bait and chum, including a 15 lber. for Ed Schramm. Lou Esposito was high hook with 22 blues, with fish averaging 8 lbs. It was flatfishing during the week, with an increased keeper ratio on the fluke. Al Bernstein bagged a 4 lb. fluke, while Joe Lee of Brooklyn Union Gas decked a 3 lber. Mark Solomon and Donna Catapana, youngster from West End School, Lynbrook each had 2 plus lb. fluke fishing Swift Creek. Flounder catches were very good during the week working State channel and the CG Station on worms with a group from Manufacturers Hanover doing especially well.

Aboard the **Jennifer B,** skipper Frank Rizzo said catches this week on worms ranged from fair to excellent on flounder. Please note that the boat is also bluefishing nightly now. Mon. am Pete Papia had a 2½ lb. pool flounder. In the PM, Johnny B was high hook with 21 and Mike Shrew had a 2 plus lb. pool fish. Tuesday AM Lorraine Lorne socked it to a 4½ lb. flounder. A 5 lb. black took the pool for Pete Papia again who also had high hook honors with 16 flounder. On the PM trip, Rich Mann had a 2 plus lb. pool flattie. High hook was Jerry Cohen with 14. Wednesday AM, 76 yr. old Miss Peggy bagged a 3 lb. 8 oz. pool flounder while Walt Pawluk was high hook with 15. In the PM, seven fares had 115 flounder with John Laguda high hook with 27 and regular Doris taking the pool wiht a 2 plus pounder. Thursday AM Papia returned again and was high hook with 22, with Joe Fader taking a 3 lb. pool flounder. On the PM trip for the crew, 11 crew hoisted over 400 flounder with the captain getting 56. The pool hit 3 lbs. 8 oz. Friday AM, Julio Gomez had a 3 lb. 2 oz. pool winner and Spencer Thomas was high hook with 15. On the PM trip Ken Wessel bagged a 3 lber. while Jerry Cohen was high hook with 14. SAturday AM John Smith took the pool with a 2 lber. and a 2¼ lber. in the afternoon. Jimmy Phillips was high hook with 14. Sunday AM Sal Gervino bagged a 2¼ lber and in the PM Jimmy Phillips was high hook again with 17.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Apus III** on a shark trip Saturday loaded up on jumbo blues 8 to 15 lbs. instead. A trip Sunday for Dom Ferrentino saw Dom all by himself take nearly 100 flounder. Mike expects the first mako to be boated this coming week as the water temperatures are just right.

Word from the **Miss Freeport II** is that the flounder fishing continues to be strong with high hooks in the 30s. Pete Martin had 35 on Tuesday and 40 on Wednesday. Please note that the boat has started its night bluefishing for the season, sailing from 7PM to 1AM every night.

Word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is of excellent floundering this past week. On the full day boat, Monday saw regular Young Kim with 86. Fares totaled roughly 1,000 fish that day. Tuesday regular Rod had 65 flounder. On Wednesday Mr. Reiver had 53 and Mr. Moscowitz 43. Thursday Ed Oden had 40 and on Friday John Masqusetz had 48. On Sunday Frank Costa had a 2½ lb. pool fish. High hooks have generally been in the 30s. On the half day boat, Sunday AM had roughly 200 flounder and over 500 on the PM trip. Frank Rolandgiani bagged a 2 lb. 8 oz. specimen. Gary Joseph had a 2½ lber. and Don Roberts a 2 lb. 10 oz. flattie. Over 300 fish were taken Sunday PM. Zippy had 20 and Bill Buttcher 25.

Ron Feuring at **Sea Isle Sports** told of Bob Ferno's tuna caught on his boat Rebel trolling artificials at the Texas Tower. Ron also knew of plenty of flounder being caught locally and a few keeper fluke.

Bunzie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** weighed in the aforementioned tuna at 55 lbs. He also noted that lots of tuna were sighted out there, 53 miles SE of Jones Inlet. He noted the flounder continue stron and the fluking continues good. Loads of blues all over the place, he said. Blackfish excellent at the inshore wrecks. Action all over is generally hot. Lots of stripers around with, of course, plenty of babies. Don't forget the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament coming up June 20th, Captains meeting June 19th. Big money and lots of tackle prizes.

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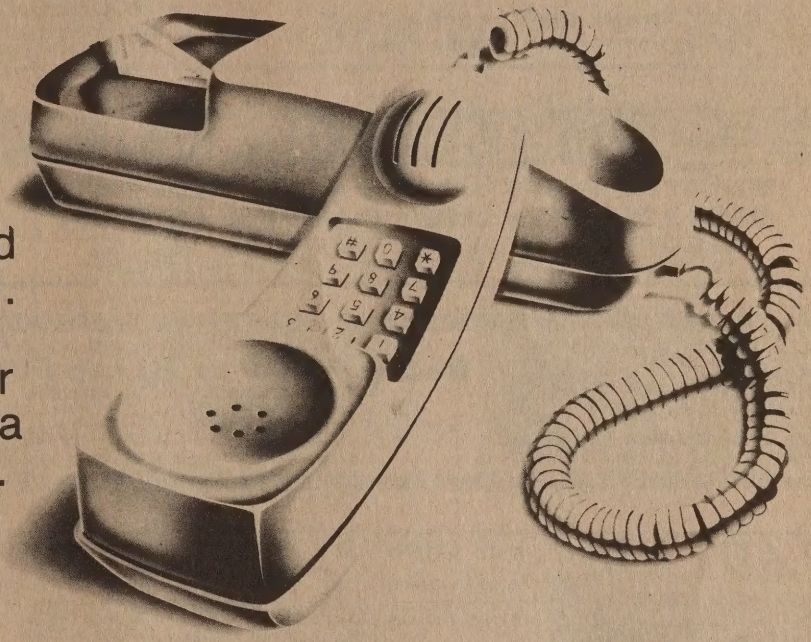

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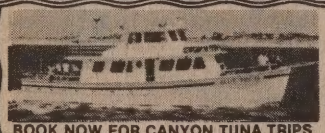

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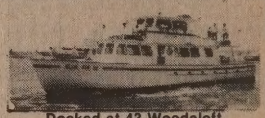

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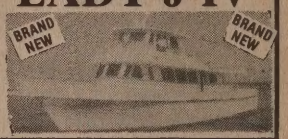

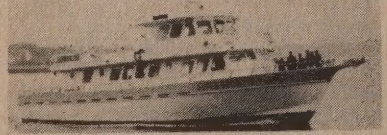

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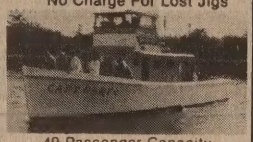

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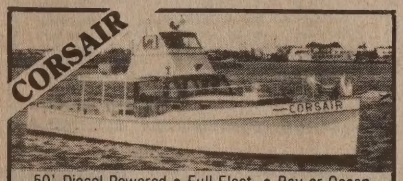

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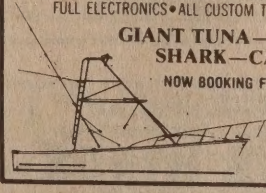

In nearby Point Lookout, skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** termed Sunday the best day of the year so far. With sea bass starting to be caught strong Saturday afternoon, Sunday turned into a sea bass banquet, with the bass being joined by hordes of ling. The sea bass were big too, he said and the fish just wouldn't stop biting. An absolutely super day. All of the rest of the week that the boat sailed, the fishing was very good with a mixture of cod, pollock, porgies, blues, blacks, ling, sea bass, conger eels. The mid-week storm hurt Saturday somewhat, but the Sunday rebound was worth it. The skipper says the bottom is producing a lot more consistently and is producing better than if you were chasing around after bluefish. Therefore, he will be staying with the bottom fishing until the blue settle down and become consistent.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** on Monday sailed NYPD working Reynolds Channel for fluke, bagging roughly 400 fish with a 25 percent keeper ratio. Friday's trip for the Ron Holmes party had fluke in Reynolds with 75 keepers out of 300 fish caught on sand eels, spearing and squid. Saturday's trip for the Dolphin Pub, Long Beach, had good flounder catches in Swift, Sloop, and at Big M. Sunday's trip for the Double T Fishing Club saw fair floundering. The pool went to Doug Rommeney with a 2 plus lb. flounder. Second place was Phil Delaney with a 2 lber. Both tides caught.

On the two trip a day **Night Hawk** flounder trips were super all week, said the skipper. Monday's high hook was Howie Koehl with 37, folllowed by Harold Frederick with 32. Tuesday's high hook was John Green with 29 and in the PM Lou George with 27. Tom Gynizio took the pool with a 2 plus lber. Wednesday's high hook was John Huryn with 26. Jack, Mark and Ira Mann totaled 75 while Pat McGarry had 21. Worm-mussel combos worked best on both tides in the area of the Big M and Big W. The weekend's charters did well, with Sunday being slowest due to heavy boat traffic. Most fish ran 1 to 1½ lbs. with many doubles. The weekday trips saw light crowds taking good catches.

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Scotty's Fishing Station reports that their skiffs returned with lots of flounder taken mostly in Swift Creek on worms and chum, both moving tides. Plenty of fluke action in Reynolds channel and also in Swift Creek, with a fair number of keepers.

Word from **Ed's Fishing Station** is of an upswing of the fluking in Reynolds with some keepers but a good number of midgets. Best area has been the golf course and buoy 17. Good floundering off the CG station. Punsie and pal had over 100 off the CG station. Blues being umbrellaed off the south shore beaches.

Over at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, Charlie tells of Dennis Peterson of Valley Stream on his boat My Desire, fishing Big M Friday by himself hoisting 232 flounder, 8 sea bass and one sand porgy in four hours of incoming water using worms. He returned with son Tommy and scooped another 95 flatties. Tuesday Clyde Smith of Jamaica fishing the Big M area by himself, managed only 109 flounder, fish to 3 lbs. The Jones Beach piers were also hot producers this past week. Stripers of 10 and 14 lbs. were taken off Jones on Kast-

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Ian Norris, Frank Lozada and Steve Scarcade put 76 flounder into the cockpit of Ian's "Therapy" back on 5-23. They fished Fundy Bay in Freeport. Photo courtesy of Kayser Marine.

masters. Leroy and Mildred Jenkins had 42 flounder fishing off the Jones Beach piers. The joint seems to be alive with flounder. There has also been some decent fluking throughout Reynolds.

Over in Franklin Square, **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** also told of lots of flounder around Big M, Short Beach and Swift Creek, fish to 3 lbs. The store's fluke derby was won Cam Borusso with a 2 lb. 14 oz. fish. Mike Aubel took 15 keeper fluke working Jones Inlet on spearing-squid combos. Best floundering has been on sand worms and heavy clam chum with huge numbers of fish caught. Eight to 12 lb. blues at buoy 4, Debs on butters and chum.

NEW YORK BIGHT

We learn from **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway of some very good flounder action at the CG Station and JB Piers and the ABB area. A skin diver weighted in a genuine 18 lb. blackfish, which he got on the Yankee Wreck Saturday. The diver was Billy Campbell. Stripers at the bridges on bellies and on bucktails. Blues off Atlantic Beach from the inlet on out and inside under the bunker schools. Blue claws showing. Fluke improving from Broad channel to the high school and from Cedarhurst Yacht Club to the Loop Bridge. A few weakfish around with best results around Fire Island.

Over in Howard Beach, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** called the fluking very good around the Marine Pkway bridge plus some fluke also on the inside on squid, spearing and sand eels. Small blues a very good item on both moving tides off north and south channel bridges and the Marine Parkway bridge on live, fresh or

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Over in Sheepshead Bay we learn from the **Pilot II** that plenty of ling are being caught along with some hot flurries of sea bass and blacks fishing Capt. Tom's favorite Jersey haunts. Just a few 1 to 1½ lb. porgies also mixed in. The boat is sailing Friday and Saturday nights at 11PM for bluefish and has been having good catches at 17 Fathoms on bait and chum.

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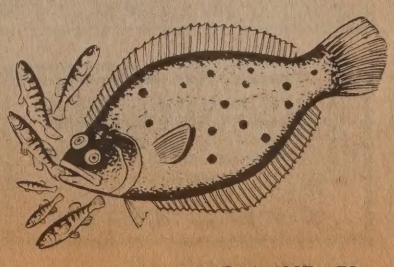

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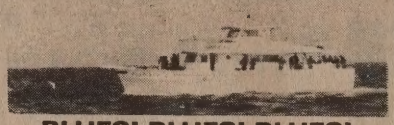

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North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Bluefish to the east, bluefish to the west and mixed bag fishing in-between. That was pretty much the story over the weekend, except for some rough seas for small boats on Saturday and generally good weather for the remainder. There were a few sprinkles to chase the Sunday crowds, but that was to be expected on the day of the Huntington Anglers' picnic.

WESTERN SOUND

Bass and blues provided lots of action for reports from **John's Gun** in New Rochelle. There were choppers from 3 to 12 lbs. in Hempstead and New Rochelle Harbors as well as off Execution Light. John Palmieri had a great night plugging on Tuesday, and the **Klondike VIII** had a couple of leap jobs on jigs as well.

Augusto D'Agustino had four weakfish on bunker from the Hempstead area and weighed a 14 pounder at **Jack's Bait** on City Island. Meanwhile, there were tautog off hen and Chiken, Pea Island and Gangway Rock.

Pete and Betty Anderson trolled a couple of dozen bass with worms and kept one 38 incher. Betty took that fish. Pete also explained that the **North Star** was still working shallow spots off the Norwalk Islands for large flounder with a scattering of scup and some tautog as well. Party boat concentration on porgies is only a couple of weeks away.

John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport** told us that the Fishermen's Defense Fund had some good results on the current title search, but could use more contributions to pay legal fees. Artie Miller had a 20 lb. linesider, while Meat Johnson released 15 bass to 12 lbs. off Matinecock.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington said that blues were up on top early Sunday morning off Eaton's and Caumsett. The largest blues were showing in harbor mouths and Larry Chancey managed the biggest fish of the season so far, 15¼ lb. slammer. Also, fishing with Pete Farrell, Chancey teamed for bass of 33 and 34 inches. Eileen Fleischmann said that Rich Wurster weighed a 5½ lb. weakfish at **Greenlawn Sport** and that

there were tautog to 7 lbs. near the beach at Makamah.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport felt that many of his customers were already jaded with the blues. There were a few fluke now off Crab Meadow Golf Course and Sand City. Mike McEnerney had a 27 lb. 10 oz. bass on a live bunker in Cold Spring Harbor while tautog numbers fell off around Eatons, Lloyds, Marshall Field and Center Island.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jeff weighed 3 weaks from Crane's with the largest a tiderunner of 12 lbs. There were a lot of small bluefish off Mount Misery Shoal and off White Beach at daybreak. One 12 pounder was taken by Jeff Raynor a mile off Crane's. Flack's pond was a good bet for fluke and there were a few large scup off Oldfield and Mount Sinai.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** said there were now some flueke out front, from the pink house down, keepers to 4 lbs. Oldfield, Cranes and the pipeline were cited by the **Complete Angler** as the spots for numbers of tautog in declining sizes. From **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Bill spoke of blues in the 2 to 4 lb. range early and late in the day in local waters. Tautog at the pipeline.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** said that the day was decent on scup on Sunday after the fish scattered on Saturday. A half dozen porgies per specialist was the rule. Tautog were declining in numbers, but not in size. Tom Gould had an 8 lb. 7 oz. bulldog early in the week. Sea bass anywhere from pins to bass of 2 lbs. plus a few flounder were added to each catch.

Fred Mildner of the **Hawkeye** called to detail a nice catch for a party of six from the A.C. Clem Company, headed by George Halpin. The group had two dozen tautog to 8½ lbs. plus a few blues. The 'tog came from Mildner's special area in 40 feet of water on Saturday. John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** was happy about three charters last week. Bill Hare's family had more than three dozen blues and so did Andy Fromia's and Don Goodman's parties. The fish were anywhere from 3 to 8 lbs.; the first party took their choppers casting while the others used diamond jigs.

Anglers on the Port Jeff based charter boat, **Morning Star**, Mike Porciello and Dennis Galankis, enjoyed a great blackfish trip on Saturday in tough anchoring conditions. Captain Anthony claimed that green and fiddler crabs worked equally well. While over 50 blacks were caught, 29 weighing from 4 to 9 lbs. were kept. Captain Anthony has a few choice dates open for blues, porgy, blackfish and fluke. Call for information.

NORTH FORK

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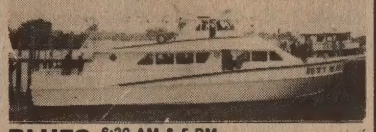

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taken on high hook squid or jelly worms. Mike Golobek and Carmen Ferraro managed a couple of blues and one fluke as well, while drifting from Bouy 26 east. Their best tiderunner went 12½ pounds. Pete MacFarlane had 8 porgies from Buoy 30, but the size of a couple of the scup was eye-popping. The biggest weighed 3 pounds, 12 ounces!

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** said that bluefish were at Jessups every evening last week; these are cocktails to 4 pounds. Tony Loperfido's **Fishalot** had one catch of 6 fluke from Hortons Point on strip baits. Two of the summer flounder weighed 6 and 12½ pounds. One private boat weighed a 14 pounder from the Ruins after gutting their catch!

Bill Stamatis at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** felt that blues could be scattered anywhere in the bay and that tautog were still the best bet from many Sound Beaches. Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** said that the tautog were still coming in in good numbers from the motel area, from the firing range and from the pipe. There is also a showing of fluke around Mattituck Inlet. Ron Petersen logged a catch of 2 dozen fluke to 3½ pounds at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** for Jack Tonneson. Neither the school blues nor the scattered scup were predictable.

The **AP White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** liked the steady action on bluefish in the Gut, but mentioned a fine catch of ten fluke on the Lady K. Five of the summer flounder were over 6 pounds! Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** had a couple of dozen fluke from Hortons last week with 4 between 5 and 7 pounds. On Saturday, Jensen took a couple of drifts off Gardiner's and had 10 summer flounder to 4 pounds. He told us that the bait on flood water is incredible, and the result is a stack of blues and bass in the Gut. Trolling a bucktail produced one keeper of 35 inches and 20 pounds along with 10 releases of linesiders to 15 pounds. There were plenty of blues to 15 pounds mixed with smaller choppers, especially on Friday.

Larry Ciccotto expects to mix some fluke and flounder fishing this week for fares on the **Prime Time III**. Some days still produce ten flounder per fare with winter flounder to 18 inches taken last week. Dave Brennan had some good innings on the flatties last week while working on scup. The porgy fishing for the **Peconic Star** died off a bit over the weekend when you had to get away from the boat and fish with worms, bu the crowd was very happy with the haul of flounder.

John Rainis informed us that there are only a couple of hours more work that needs to be done on the Sea Star to fit the linkages on the new engines that have been installed on the boat. He expects to be sailing once more late this week.

Sunday's trip on the **Boanne II**, a combination "busman's holiday" and family outing was an outstanding success. Capt. Tony Lo usually on the "Fishalot", and Lorry Mangan joined Capt. Pete Izzo, Mike Heffernan and Joe and Ronnie Gunn for an exploratory half day trip for Southold Bay fluke. A couple of fluke caught while the video camera was rolling would have been enough to ask for, but the "fishing gods" smiled on us. With Capt. Pete and Capt. Tony giving the expert fishing instruction on the Boanne Ii, the camera focused on over a dozen fluke, nine over 4 pounds, the largest 7½ pounds, caught in a short time. Video tape of this trip will be featured on L.I. Fishing with Lorry Mangan this week. Tune in to Channel 55 on Friday at 7PM or Saturday 9:30.

Rosemary Fedorco called to report

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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THURS.	8:00	8:20	8:40	9:05	8:30	8:50	9:30	9:40	11:25	11:30	11:20	11:35	7:55	8:15	6/11
FRI.	8:50	9:10	9:35	10:00	9:25	9:40	10:20	10:30	—	12:15	—	12:15	8:45	9:10	6/12
SAT.	9:45	10:05	10:30	10:55	10:25	10:40	11:15	11:25	12:25	1:15	12:30	1:10	9:40	10:00	6/13
SUN.	10:40	11:00	11:25	11:45	11:25	11:40	—	12:10	1:20	2:10	1:25	2:05	10:30	10:55	6/14
MON.	11:40	11:55	—	12:20	—	12:30	12:20	1:10	2:20	3:15	2:20	3:00	11:30	11:50	6/15
TUES.	—	12:40	12:45	1:20	12:40	1:25	1:20	2:10	3:25	4:25	3:20	4:00	—	12:25	6/16
WED.	12:55	1:35	1:40	2:20	1:35	2:20	2:25	3:15	4:40	5:35	4:20	5:00	12:50	1:25	6/17
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Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
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HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
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East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
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Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
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GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
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South Jamesport	+2 32
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Sag Harbor	+0 59
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Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
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THAMES RIVER	
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CONNECTICUT RIVER	
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Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
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Port Chester	−0 09
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/11	5:24	8:36
FRI. 6/12	5:24	8:36
SAT. 6/13	5:24	8:36
SUN. 6/14	5:24	8:37
MON. 6/15	5:24	8:37
TUE. 6/16	5:24	8:37
WED. 6/17	5:24	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/11	8:55PM	4:35AM
FRI. 6/12	10:00PM	5:35AM
SAT. 6/13	10:55PM	6:45AM
SUN. 6/14	11:40PM	8:05AM
MON. 6/15	—	9:25AM
TUE. 6/16	12:10AM	10:45AM
WED. 6/17	12:40AM	11:55AM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	5:50	—	6:25	**12:15**
Sat.	7:05	**12:50**	7:40	**1:25**
Sun.	8:15	**2:05**	8:50	**2:35**
Mon.	9:20	**3:10**	9:50	**3:30**
Tues.	10:20	**4:10**	10:50	**4:35**
Wed.	11:15	**5:05**	11:45	**5:30**
Thurs.	—	**5:55**	12:05	**6:20**

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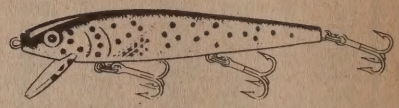

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

A few items need touching on before we get into this week's report. First on the agenda, our apologies for omitting the weight of Walt Kowal's big striper reported here last week. The cow weighed in at 46 pounds.

Also, we were notified by the Long Island State Park commission that the Town of Babylon will not be meeting its commitment to cover a shift at the entrance to engineer's road. As a result, the park commission will do its best to try and cover this opening. If anyone out there is looking for full time work during the summer months, you can contact Mike Asheroff at 516-669-1000, ext. 235. The work entails nighttime hours and a full 8 hour shift.

A big thanks from LIBBA president Bob Lucchesi and the Long Island State Park Commission extended to all of those who participated in Beach Work projects the past two weekends at Cedar and Gilgo. The response to the Gilgo project was particularly good and its hoped cooperative projects such as this will benefit us with continued and improved beach access.

On the subject of access, the Fisherman's Defense Fund is currently engaged in an ongoing battle for beach access rights on the north shore. The decision on this case will be a landmark one concerning control of all beaches below the high water mark and could very well effect beaches that we all fish sooner or later. The fund needs to be fattened for this battle to continue. Anything you send will help. Direct your contributions to John Cacciola, c/o Glen

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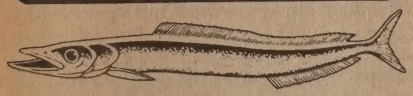

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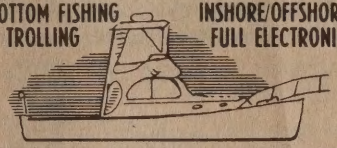

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On the fishing front, some nice bass occupying the south shore inlets according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Paul was specifically referring to Shinnecock but Moriches is also housing its share of cows for those able to get to the inlet. Paul put a 36 pound striper on the scale for Joseph Marshall on Saturday. The big bass was taken from the rocks on the east side of Shinnecock at 2 in the afternoon on a diamond jig. Other big fish were reported taken on night tides on Bombers and Needlefish. Also some talk of big blues being taken at Shinnecock Inlet. Lots of small blues reported by several customers at Sunken Meadow on the north shore along with a couple of scattered weakfish. Patchogue Fishing Club member Nick Anello clicked with an 11½ pound weakfish taken from the Smithtown Bay shore on Friday night.

While Sunken Meadow did have its share of good innings with bluefish this week, it also had its off times. According to Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Friday evening was one of those off nights. He could also vouch for a slow night on the Cedar Bar which he said produced only one 12 pound blue while he was there.

Backtracking to the Island's east end, a call to Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, revealed that action at the Point had slowed through the weekend with some on and off bluefish action at

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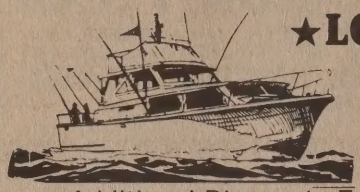

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Ditch Plains and up front. The fishing was nowhere near as consistent as it had been according to Johnny. There were a couple of decent stripers drilled from the Point however. Joey Bragan, Sr. bagged a 25 pounder on Wednesday night. Another caster accounted for a 30 pound fish on Friday night.

At **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton**, Thom Speckenbach knew of some blues to 13 pounds taken at the inlet jetty this week. A few nice bass also fell to casters. Dave Bennett used a white darter to nail a 28½ pound striper over the weekend.

Moving west again, Tom Healy at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported that casters are still finding a pick of blues to 12 pounds on the Cedar Bar with bait. An occasional fish falls to a tin and tube.

From Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** came word of a 25 pound striper beached at West End II, Jones Beach, by Eric Jung Saturday morning.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** confirmed a continued pick of blues on mackerel and bunker chunks at Cedar.

Striper Surf Club member Joe Augeri relayed word of a 32 pound striper taken by fellow club member Joe Lomonaco Saturday morning on the Breezey Point jetty. Joe used a bucktail. Small blues and bass continue to be taken at Breezy on tins and plugs early mornings and evenings. A handful of Gateway members treked up to Caumsett State Park on Friday and Saturday nights. They reported lots of action with small blues and bass to 11 pounds on Bombers and Redfins with droppers. Staten Island beaches were alive this week with Joe Augeri accounting for bass of 12, 15 and 20 pounds on pencil poppers at South Beach. Best action has been evenings. Bluefish range from small on up to 14 pounds.

A call from Frank Lallo revealed good bluefish action on Polaris poppers during the daylight hours east of the Breezy Point jetty. The fish are on spearing and range from 2 to 5 pounds. Manhattan Beach continues to hold bigger blues from 8 to 10 pounds. This action is all on bait after dark. Casters looking for action with school bass can head to the front or back side of Riis Park where poppers and swimming plugs are accounting for good action. Frank passed along word that a 49½ pound bass was rumored taken at Sea Gate on Friday night.

Up on the north shore, John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of some good bass action along local beaches early mornings and evenings. Artie Johnson connected with a 20 pound bass this week. Meat Johnson had 15 bass to 12 pounds at Mattinecock.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's Tackle Shop** in **Northport** reported that Northport area beaches are loaded with bait and that there are lots of blues around. Jim Malkmus managed

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From Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** we got wind of a 7½ pound weak taken Sunday night by John Pinger along Smithtown Bay. Stan added that Hallock and Hagerman's Landing east to Wading River have been producing lots of 2 to 4 pound blues early and late in the day. Pencil poppers have been working well on the fish. John Paduano used a Chicken Scratch Bomber to take a 23 pound striper. It was imported from the Shinnecock area.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

The opening of black bass season on Saturday greeted local anglers with sunny skies and solid action. Most of the bass taken were in the small to medium size range but a couple of lunkers also found their way onto the scales. Pickerel, catfish and panfishing remain consistent while trout fishing could be labeled excellent in most locations. Carp, still spawning, have been reluctant to pick up any baits.

No names to pass on this week but plenty of consistent action in Grant Park, Smith's Pond and Hempstead Lake is the word from Bill Beckman of **Beckman's Tackle, Lynbrook.** Anglers have been taking bass on worms and plugs.

From Mike Nicolletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh,** we learned of a 7 pound lunker bigmouth caught and released on a nightcrawler bait in South Twin Lake. This location also produced numerous catches of small to medium sized bass throughout the week with shop regulars taking three or four legal sized fish each night. Plastic worms or small plugs seem to be producing the most action. Catfishing has been good here too. Out east in the salty section of the Connetquot River, John Wiengarten and his dad worked nightcrawler baits over the weekend to the tune of eighteen trout to 18 inches in length.

At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle,** Tom Healy told us that bass fishing in his neck of the woods was pretty good over the weekend. On Saturday, Richie Dunlap used a live killie bait to take a 15 inch largemouth from a Babylon Pond. Rich also caught and released 20 other smaller fish. On Sunday, Bill Bernisia dunked a live killie in Southard's Pond and was rewarded with a bass of 2.6 pounds.

The crew at **Augie's Bait and Tackle, Babylon,** reported a slow week on the freshwater side but did know that the carp in Argyle Lake were presently spawning. No bass or trout checked

in this week.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, knew of some good action with bass and trout on the Carman's River. On Saturday, Eric Monsen used a purple plastic worm to entice a 19 inch largemouth at Hard's Lake. At the small pond west of the "check in" booth at the same location, Fred himself used a fly rod and grey devil bug to nail two bass in the 2 pound range. Over on Lower Lake, Creston Laager clicked with a brown and 3 rainbow trout between 10 and 13 inches long. These fish fell for an Adam's fly.

Mary Gallo, who works at Southhaven Park, told us that a few brown trout were taken at Hard's Lake on Saturday while Friday saw solid action with largemouth bass. Paul Coraggio took a 14" bass on Friday.

AT **J & R Sports Center, Oakdale**, trout has been the name of the game. Phill Briggs reported good fishing inside the park with site number 12 particularly productive for Tom Luciano who picked up 3 browns to 3.1 pounds there on nymphs this weekend. On Sunday, 12 year old Ken Collis culled a 4.5 pound brown trout from amongst a school of smaller fish in Rattlesnake Creek.

I had a chance to speak with Bill Miller this week and he confirmed the fast fishing for trout on the Connetquot. In fact, Bill himself even caught a 5 pound rainbow on Wednesday.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue** reports Eric Schoenfield crawled a plastic worm in Cannon Lake and was rewarded for his efforts by a 4 pound bass. Charlie Mosely also checked in this week, placing a 3 pound pickerel on the scales. Trout fishing continues strong for those working flies in West Lake but bass fishing in the Mill Pond has quieted down.

From Mrs. Devlin at the **Fisherman's, Riverhead**, we hear that bass and panfishing continue to be hot and a few larger fish mixed into the catches this week. Chris Reis of Ridge connected with a bass weighing 4.5 pounds on Saturday while Sunday witnessed Cris Wrobleski taking three pickerel and several bass and sunfish. On Friday, Jedd Sevel used broken-back Rebels to nail several big pickerel and a few medium sized bass right behind the shop.

A cool front passing through helped snap the Scholari Creek trout back to life this weekend according to Ken Josephson of Crazy Chief Ski and Sport in Hunter Mountain. On Sunday, Albert Seemayer used a worm to catch a 17 inch brown trout.

According to Capt. Bill Johnson of **Odyssey Charters, Rochester**, those Lake Ontario trout and salmon have been a little off the feed the past few days. Still, anglers are taking a few fish. Most of these are salmon and lakers and the best action has been in water 100'-150' deep at the 75' level. Silver or green spoons, worked close behind the boat, seem to be working best right now.

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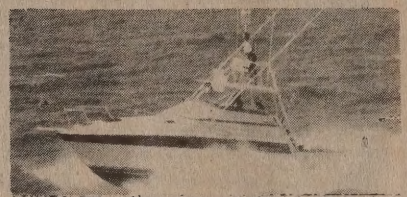

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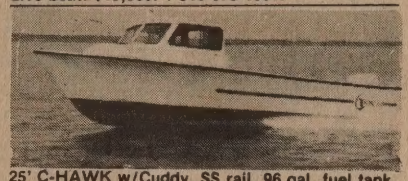

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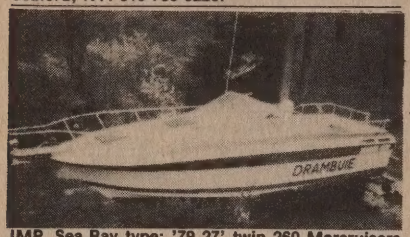

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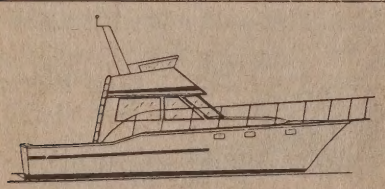

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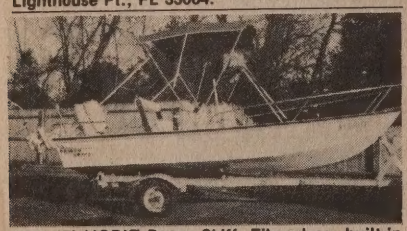

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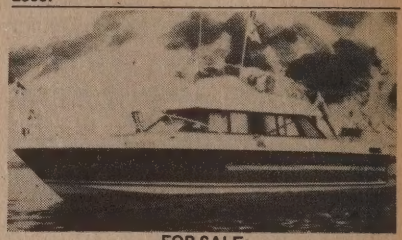

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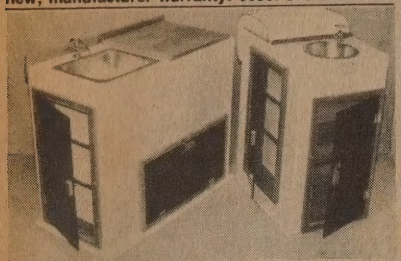

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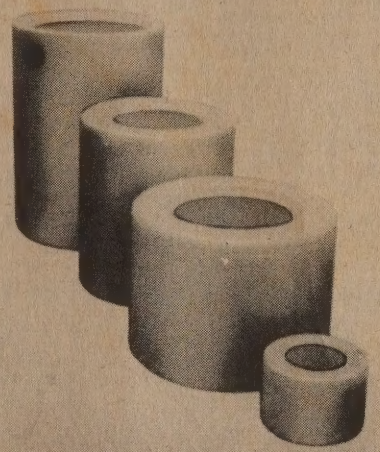

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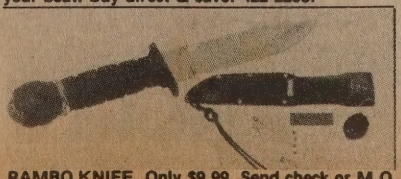

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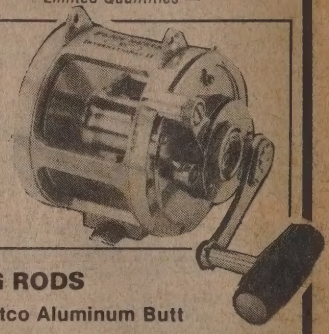

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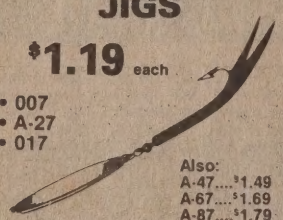

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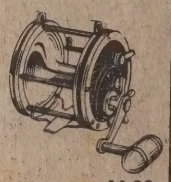

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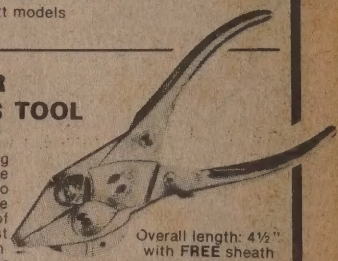

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